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Mobile Amma Unavagam

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** inaugurated the service of three Mobile Amma Unavagam of the Greater Chennai Corporation and distributed food to the members of the public at Secretariat, Chennai on 04.11.2020.

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- Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

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First Wrapper

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** along with farmers rode in a bullock cart, and inspected the completed 'kudimaramathu' works at Kavinadu Kanmai in Pudukkottai District which is an important part of the Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundaru River linking project, on 22.10.2020.

November 1 : Tamil Nadu Day

Hon'ble Amma's Government will play 'crucial role in the growth of Tamil and Tamil Nadu'

With the lines, *'Imizhkadal Veliyai, Thamizhnadu Aakkiya, Idhu Nee Karudhinai Aayin'* in the 'Vanji Kandam' of Silappadhikaram, Ilango Adigal says that Tamil Naadu has the three seas, the Indian Ocean, the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea – at its borders.

We can also see that the name 'Tamil Nadu' was used by Ilampuranar who wrote a commentary on Tholkappiyam. He says, *'Nam Naadu Yaadhu Enil, Tamil Naadu Endral'*.

After our forebears conducted a series of agitations demanding classification of States based on language, the States were reorganized on a linguistic basis and the area where Tamil is spoken was named Madras State on 01.11.1956. This name was subsequently changed to Tamil Nadu by Perarignar Anna by adopting a resolution in the then Madras Assembly. From that day onwards, the name Tamil Nadu is echoing throughout the world. To honour the scholars who worked for the formation of the State and to celebrate this historic day, the Government of Tamil Nadu issued orders for celebrating November 1st as Tamil Nadu Day from 01.11.2019, besides organizing a Government function on that date.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar, following the footsteps of his mentor Arignar Anna, issued orders for celebrating Thiruvalluvar Day as a Government function and giving Thiruvalluvar Year in Government records. A separate University for Tamil in Thanjavur,

the fifth World Tamil Conference and laying of foundation stone for World Tamil Sangam are some of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivar's contributions to Tamil.

Following this, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma restored the practice of celebrating Tamil New Year's Day on the first day of the month of Chithirai, with State celebration, organized the 8th World Tamil Conference in Thanjavur and increased the awards for Tamil scholars from 7 to 55, established Sangam Tamil Museum at Madurai and upgraded the status of the World Tamil Research organization.

Following Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, guardian of the Tamil language, the present Government of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma has been implementing many schemes for the growth of Tamil. A few among them are:

1. For developing Tamil internationally, funds have been sanctioned for setting up Tamil chairs in the Harvard and Houston Universities.
2. Best Language Translator Awards have been instituted for those who translate the best Tamil books into foreign languages and vice versa.
3. Monthly pension to Border champions, Tamil Scholars and aged Tamil Scholars has been increased.
4. A statue was installed for Tholkappiyar on Marina Beach; A Tholkappiyar Research Chair was installed in the World Tamil Research Centre.
5. Order has been issued for setting up a research chair in the name of Robert Caldwell who wrote a comparative grammar of Dravidian languages.
6. In the World Tamil Research Centre, 'Puratchi Thalaivar Arts and Social Development Research Chair' has been established.
7. To felicitate Pulavars of Sangam Age, Commemoration Pillars have been installed.
8. Equivalent Tamil words have been coined for words from other languages which are in common usage in Tamil; so far, 20,000 words have been coined and uploaded on the Internet.
9. 8,050 pages, Seven volumes of revised Etymology dictionary are to be released soon.
10. A new App by name Tamilsalai has been developed and is being used by Tamil scholars and students.

In addition, many welfare schemes for the development of the Tamil language have been implemented by Hon'ble Amma's Government.

Perarignar Anna said that the Tamil language not only grows on its own, but also helps other languages to grow. The present Government which follows in his path will play a crucial role in the growth of the language, in maintaining its identity and in improving the prestige of Tamil Nadu in the country. With this pledge, I extend my greetings on the occasion of Tamil Nadu Day.

Thoothukudi District quells Corona, moves ahead on many fronts

More than thousand acres handed over for industrial park at Vaippar village

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, at the review meeting on the progress of development schemes and COVID-19 virus activities in Thoothukudi District, on 11.11.2020 *(English Translation)*.

I pay my obeisance to Goddess Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

At the outset, I pay my respects to all the participants in the ongoing review meeting over the works taken up to prevent the Corona virus infection in Thoothukudi District and the implementation of the schemes announced by Hon'ble Amma's Government.

As a result of the rigorous steps taken by Hon'ble Amma's Government to prevent the Corona virus from spreading, the infection has been gradually brought under control in Tamil Nadu. In respect of Thoothukudi District, the Corona virus infection spread was at a higher level one-and-a-half months ago. The virus spread was brought down and is now under control due to the speedy action taken in a co-ordinated way by the District Administration and the Departments of Health, Revenue and Local Administration based on the suggestions announced by the Government.

Besides keeping ready the required bed facilities in hospitals for the Corona virus infection works, we have created an environment for immediate treatment of the affected persons. The necessary medical gadgets have been kept ready.

Suggestions and advice for preventing the virus infection, given out by the World Health Organization, Ministry of Health (Central) and the Expert Committee set up by the State Government, were passed on to the doctors working in the Department of Health and Family Welfare through the District administration and as they adhered to it, the virus has been controlled. To control this infection, fever camps are being conducted daily. Those with the symptoms of the infection are identified in the camps, taken to hospital, given treatment and cured. As of today, the number of cured persons is going up; the mortality rate has been reduced. The number of affected persons is also coming down. On account of the intensive steps taken by Hon'ble Amma's Government, the virus spread has come down gradually in Tamil Nadu and in Thoothukudi District and an environment of returning to normalcy has been created.

As for the Agriculture sector, production has increased as the Government has already permitted 100 per cent works in this field without imposing any restrictions. The monsoon has also helped and farmers have got good yields.

Restrictions on industries too have been lifted in a phased away, culminating now in cent per cent operations. The Government sent back at its own cost, the migrant workers in the State to their native states after the Corona virus break out, as the workers desired to go back. During their stay here, rice, dhal and oil needed by them was supplied at no cost. They were given medical attention. In some places, the Government gave accommodation and the necessary food and clothes and medical treatment.

As the virus spread is coming down in Tamil Nadu and migrant workers are desirous of returning to the State to work, many industries and establishments are absorbing them back.

Agriculture, fishery and salt production are the main occupations in Thoothukudi. In Tamil Nadu, this District is the premier District in salt production. Fishery is also a big industry here. Many demands of fishermen have been fulfilled. Additional construction of retaining wall and groyne to arrest sea erosion is under Government's examination.

New colleges have been started for the higher education of students. To provide high-level treatment to people of this District, I commissioned this morning highly sophisticated radiation equipment at the Government Thoothukudi Medical College Hospital to benefit cancer patients.

In a similar way, 'kudimaramathu' scheme was announced by Hon'ble Amma's Government to dredge lakes, tanks and 'ooranies' and it is being implemented in an excellent way. Silted lakes and tanks, not dredged for years together, have been dredged and we have created a condition where all the monsoon rain waters can be stored. To prevent the wasteful draining of rain water into the sea through rivers and 'odais', check dams have been constructed and several steps are being taken to raise the ground-water level. For this, Rs.1,000 Crore has been allotted for a period of 3 years and works are executed.

In Thoothukudi District also, check dams are being constructed in many places. Hon'ble Amma's Government is constructing many buildings also through the Public Works Department. Many Combined Water Supply Schemes have been executed through the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board

to solve the drinking water problem. We are about to start such new schemes also.

Work on constructing a groyne at Alanthalai village, Tiruchendur Taluk at a cost of Rs.52.60 Crore is about to commence. I inaugurated the Chief Minister's Special Grievance Redressal Scheme to reverse the practice of people approaching Government Servants to get their problems solved by shifting the task of collecting the petitions on Government Servants through personal visit. The District administration throughout the state is executing this work excellently. In this District, of the 12,628 petitions received, 5,426 eligible ones have been disposed of after settlement of the problem. Of the 4,796 applications, seeking house site patta, 3,225 have been accepted and pattas distributed.

Land acquisition for a new industrial park in Allikulam area, Thoothukudi District is under Government's consideration. Government poramboke land measuring 1,019 acres has been handed over to SIPCOT for setting up an industrial park at Vaippar village, Vilathikulam Taluk. This industrial park will attract an investment of about Rs.2,000 Crore and a job potential for 2,500 persons will be created.

Under the Chennai-Kanniyakumari Industrial Corridor Scheme, work on laying a 50 km long road between Tiruchendur and Palayamkottai at a cost of Rs.165 Crore is to commence shortly. I wish to state many such schemes are to be implemented in this District.

Hon'ble Amma's Government has carried out the demand of devotees visiting Tiruchendur temple for accommodation. A detailed project report is being prepared for laying a by-pass road in Sathankulam town. Under 'kudimaramathu' scheme, many tanks and 'ooranies' have been dredged through the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

There are 7,707 women Self Help Groups (SHG) in Thoothukudi District with a membership of 92,504. In the last 3 years, Rs.635.96 Crore has been disbursed as collateral bank loan to these groups. For the year 2020-2021, a target of Rs.518 Crore has been fixed for such collateral loans and so far Rs.140.23 Crore has been given.

Hon'ble Amma had announced the distribution of two-wheelers to working women. Hon'ble Amma's Government that functions on the path of Amma, is implementing that scheme. In the two years – 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 – vehicle allotments were made to 5,023 persons under this two-wheeler scheme and a subsidy of Rs.12.57 Crore distributed. In 2019-2020, as two-wheeler subsidy Rs.5.05 Crore has been given to 2,013 women.

An underground drainage scheme is being implemented at a cost of Rs.95 Crore in Thoothukudi Corporation. A detailed project report for a Rs.143.60 Crore underground drainage scheme has been prepared to benefit a population of 35,000 in the left-out and extended areas of Thoothukudi Corporation and in parts of areas under the Smart City scheme and steps are being taken to mobilize financial resources.

Tenders have been floated for providing house pipe connections to 1.43 Lakh houses in 875 hamlets in 226 Panchayats at an estimate of Rs.71.70 Crore under the 'Jal Jeevan Mission'.

Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's Government is implementing many such schemes. I take leave of you, saying that Amma's Government will take steps to usher in many more schemes to this District.

Nandri! Vanakkam!

News in Pictures

Development works in Thoothukudi District

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** declared open 16 completed scheme works valued at Rs.22.37 Crore and laid the foundation stones for 29 new scheme works to be executed at an estimate of Rs.328.66 Crore, at a function held in District Collectorate, Thoothukudi on 11.11.2020.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, at a meeting in Thoothukudi Collectorate on 11.11.2020 handed over a cheque for Rs. 50 Lakh and an appointment order for the post of Junior Assistant to Tmt. Bhuvaneswari, wife of Constable Subramanian, who died while in service. Hon'ble Ministers, MLAs, Thoothukudi District Collector Thiru. Sandeep Nanduri I.A.S. and high Government Officials were present on the occasion.

‘Follow guidelines at a time of lesser infections, more relaxations’

Hon’ble Chief Minister visualizes a great Green future for Pudukkottai District

Speech of the
Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami,
at the review meeting on the progress of development schemes and COVID-19 virus activities in Pudukkottai District, on 22.10.2020
(English Translation).

Welcome to all of you.

My obeisance to Hon’ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

Due to the stringent measures taken by Hon’ble Amma’s Government, the spread of the Corona virus in the State is gradually coming down. People in the country know how effective the steps taken by Hon’ble Amma’s Government have been, compared to other States, in controlling the virus infections from spreading.

Officials from various Departments have involved themselves in controlling the spread of the infection. In particular, Hon’ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr C. Vijayabaskar has totally involved himself in this work. Along with him, the Deputy Chief Minister, Hon’ble Ministers, Hon’ble MPs and MLAs, representatives of the local bodies,

co-operative societies, officials belonging to various Departments and social activists have worked in a co-ordinated manner. Due to these efforts, we have achieved the present result.

At a time when the super powers themselves have been struggling to come to grips with the Corona virus pandemic, Hon'ble Amma's Government, with the motive that not a single life should be lost due to the disease, has given proper treatment to the disease-affected people and thereby reduced the mortality rate in the State. The number of persons who have been cured of the infection has increased. Doctors, nurses, para medical employees, officials of the Local Administration Department, Revenue Department, Police Department, Co-operation Department, Food Department and officials of other Departments have fully involved themselves in controlling the disease. To protect people from the dreaded disease, officials from various Departments have sacrificed their lives. No one can forget their dedicated service. I offer my condolences to the family members of the deceased personnel. On this occasion, on behalf of the Government and on my own behalf, I extend my thanks to them.

To treat Corona-affected people, the State Government has created sufficient bed facilities and testing centres in the State. Tamil Nadu is the only State where the maximum number of tests have been done. As per the suggestion of medical personnel, RT-PCR (Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction) is the only test which can accurately find the symptoms of the disease. In other States, this RT-PCR Test is conducted among a lesser number of people. But the Government of Tamil Nadu conducts on an average, 90,000 RT-PCR tests a day, identifies COVID-19 infected persons and treats them immediately, resulting in the gradual reduction of the virus spread in the State. I would like to mention that these are all the effective measures taken by the Government and I thank again and again the personnel who are responsible for it.

On the advice of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Ministry of Health (Central) and medical personnel, the Government has been conducting fever camps in the Districts in which thousands of people are tested. Those who are having symptoms of the disease are given immediate treatment; such action has restricted the disease from spreading. In Pudukkottai District alone, 10,225 fever camps have been conducted on an average of 70 fever testing camps per day and so far 4.77 Lakh persons have been tested. To give treatment to the affected persons, sufficient beds have been provided in hospitals, schools and colleges, and sufficient doctors and medical personnel have been posted. In this way, all necessary steps have been taken resulting in the gradual reduction of virus infections in the State.

Agricultural activities are going on in full swing in the State as the Government has given full exemption to agriculture from the lockdown. This year we could find more yields in the delta Districts. Most of the industries are functioning with 90 per cent attendance due

to cent per cent relaxation from lockdown for industrial workers.

People are asking what benefits the State gained through the Global Investors Meets held in 2015 and 2019. Even this morning (22.10.2020), I inaugurated an ITC unit. This is an example of the success of the Global Investors Meet. In the Global Investors Meet in 2015 when Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma was the Chief Minister, the MoU was signed with ITC for an investment of Rs.1,170 Crore in two phases. In the first phase, the project with an investment of Rs.820 Crore has already started functioning. That was inaugurated by me this morning (22.10.2020). The work on the other unit with an investment of about Rs. 350 Crore is going on. It is expected to be inaugurated by February next year. Of the 2,700 people employed by the ITC nearly 2,300 (about 85 per cent) are women. It is an achievement to be proud of.

Agriculture is the major occupation in Pudukkottai District. To provide employment to people of this industrially backward District, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma signed an MoU in 2015 for starting an industry here, to provide employment to people here. In a similar manner, industries have been started in different parts of the State. Despite the prevalence of Corona which is threatening the entire world, the State was able to attract an investment of Rs.40,718 Crore, facilitating employment to 74,212 by the signing of 55 MoUs. I am happy to inform you that through these measures, Tamil Nadu has attained first position in the country in attracting investments during the year 2020. In this manner, Hon'ble Amma's Government is functioning actively to start new industries in the State.

During Hon'ble Amma's period, with a view to providing protected drinking water supply to the people of Pudukkottai District, she bifurcated the District into 2 zones and announced a Combined Water Supply Scheme. The total cost of the scheme was Rs.616 Crore. Even though Hon'ble Amma passed away, Hon'ble Amma's Government speedily implemented the scheme and provided uninterrupted water supply to the people. I am happy to inform you that working in the path shown by Hon'ble Amma, I inaugurated the scheme.

Through 'Kudimaramathu' Scheme many tanks in Pudukkottai District have been desilted. The scheme was introduced by Hon'ble Amma's Government to save rain water. It has been successfully implemented. In various places in Pudukkottai District, the scheme has been successfully implemented with the co-operation of farmers. Not only that. We had been fighting for Cauvery water for the past 45 years. Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalavi Amma conducted the legal battle and succeeded in her efforts. After Amma's demise, Hon'ble Amma's Government continued the legal battle and got the guarantee from the Hon'ble Supreme Court, ensuring Cauvery Water to the farmers every year.

Similarly, by announcing the Cauvery Delta Districts as 'Protected Special Agricultural Zone' and then by getting the bill passed and approved, Hon'ble Amma's Government has fulfilled the long-pending

demand of agriculturists. As such, I want to inform you that Hon'ble Amma's Government is a Government that protects the interests of farmers.

The Government planned to modernize Kallanai Canal at a cost of Rs. 2,664 Crore and to get loan from Asian Infrastructure Investors Bank, it has approached the Central Government for necessary permission.

Hon'ble Amma announced the Cauvery-Gundar rivers interlinking project, one of the schemes eagerly awaited by Pudukkottai District people. Though it is unfortunate that Hon'ble Amma left this world, Hon'ble Amma's Government is to implement the scheme. The scheme envisages interlinking of Cauvery-Agniyar, South Vellar-Manimuthar and Vagai-Gundar and passes through Pudukkottai District. The link, if completed, will fill all tanks in the District with water and also recharge ground water. This scheme will be completed in 4 or 5 years. After that Pudukkottai District will become a green District. The Government has been taking steps to convert Pudukkottai District, which is now a drought affected one, into a Green District. I am happy to inform you that I shall definitely inaugurate the scheme.

Under the Chief Minister's Special Grievance Redressal Scheme, petitions received from the people in every District are processed and action taken. In Pudukkottai District, old age pension was given to all eligible aged people. Similarly, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma announced during 2016 that working women would be given two-wheeler if she was elected as Chief Minister. Hon'ble Amma's Government has been keeping the promise. I distributed two-wheelers before coming to this meeting. In this District, all eligible working women have been given two-wheelers. All assurances made during the election have been fulfilled by Hon'ble Amma's Government.

Hon'ble Amma's Government has directed all the banks to sanction bank-linked loans to all Self Help Groups. Due to this, thousands of women attached to Self Help Groups have benefited. Hon'ble Amma gave a Medical College to this District; I had the honour of inaugurating it.

All the roads in the District are being renovated. New bridges have been constructed. Work is going on for by-pass roads. I am happy to inform you that as the Government is giving special attention to all areas, Pudukkottai District is marching towards development. Amma's Government is a People's Government which is implementing various schemes required by the people.

At a time when Corona infections are decreasing and more relaxations are being given by the Government, my humble appeal to the people is to follow the guidelines issued by the Government. People should wear masks when they go out and maintain social distance. After returning home they should wash their hands and feet with soap. If you follow these procedures, we can prevent Corona virus from spreading. I appeal to people to co-operate with the Government in controlling the virus.

Nandri! Vanakkam!

News in Pictures

Development works in Pudukkottai District

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** declared open 48 completed scheme works valued at Rs.54.68 Crore and laid the foundation stones for 29 new scheme works to be executed at an estimate of Rs.210.25 Crore, at a function held in District Collectorate, Pudukkottai on 22.10.2020.

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** distributed Government welfare assistance to beneficiaries at a function held at District Collectorate, Pudukkottai on 22.10.2020. Hon’ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr C. Vijayabaskar, Hon’ble Minister for Food & Civil Supplies Thiru. R. Kamaraj, Hon’ble Minister for Khadi and Village Industries Board Thiru. G. Baskaran, MLAs, Chairman of Tamil Nadu Housing Board Thiru. P.K. Vairamuthu, Pudukkottai District Collector Tmt. P.Uma Maheswari I.A.S., and other high Government Officials were present on the occasion.

Avadi gets 4 MLD sewage treatment plant costing Rs. 197.20 crore

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for drinking water supply scheme for 250 habitations

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, at the Secretariat, Chennai on 04.11.2020, laid foundation stones for Combined Water Supply Scheme for 250 rural habitations in Andipatti, Kadamalaigundu-Mayiladumparai and Theni Panchayat Unions, to be executed at a cost of Rs. 162.43 Crore and for various other Schemes costing Rs. 161.57 Crore, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, a wing of the Public Works Department.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open on the occasion, completed schemes executed at a cost of Rs. 294.15 Crore in Greater Chennai Corporation, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, the Municipal Administration and Greater Chennai Corporation.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, at the District Collectors and Police Officers Conference on 07.03.2018, announced that inspection would be carried out to find out whether it was possible to supply water from the lower Vaigai Dam for the left-over areas of the Andipatti and Mayiladumparai Panchayat Unions in Theni District. As per the announcement, the Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone through video conferencing for the Combined Water Supply Scheme for 250 tenements in Andipatti,

Thirumangalam Municipality

Kadamalaikundu - Mayiladumparai and Theni Panchayat unions at a cost of Rs. 162.43 Crore.

Another Combined Water Supply Scheme for Velagalahalli and 39 other tenements in Krishnagiri Panchayat Union in Krishnagiri District, at a cost of Rs. 9.90 Crore; A Combined Water Supply Scheme for Rayakottai under Keezh Mangalam Panchayat Union in Krishnagiri District and 28 other tenements at a cost of Rs.8.46 Crore; at Balasamudram Town Panchayat in Dindigul District, Water Supply Improvement Scheme at a cost of Rs.9.62 Crore;

Creating additional water sources for Combined Water Supply Scheme for 893 tenements in Nagapattinam District, at a cost of Rs. 42.46 Crore; Combined Water Supply Scheme for 134 tenements at a cost of Rs. 91.13 Crore for Kumbakonam Panchayat Union;

Totally, the Hon'ble Chief Minister today laid foundation stones for drinking water supply schemes to be executed at a cost of Rs. 324 Crore.

In addition, Combined Water Supply Schemes for 135 Combined Water Supply Schemes in Vaiyampatti and Marungapuri Panchayat Unions in Tiruchirappalli District at a cost of Rs. 46.32 Crore;

A building for the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board at Pillayarpatti in Thanjavur Division in Thanjavur District at a cost of Rs.6.60 Crore under the Rural Water Combined Water Supply Scheme for 1,153 rural tenements.

A building for Thirumangalam Municipality in Madurai District, at a cost of Rs.2 Crore, on behalf of the Municipal Administration Department;

A quarters for sanitary workers in Theni-Allinagaram Municipality in Theni District, at a cost of Rs.3 Crore; a 4 MLD sewage treatment plant, costing Rs. 197.20 Crore at Avadi.

Totally, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated on 04.11.2020, completed schemes worth Rs. 255.12 Crore, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drinage Board and Municipal Administration Department.

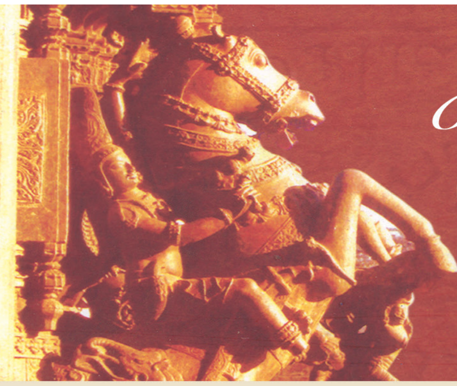
Under the Smart City Scheme in Greater Chennai Corporation, 31 water bodies with Rainwater Harvesting Infrastructure and 117 community wells, renovated by Greater Chennai Corporation and 174 community wells, renovated by Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, at a cost of Rs.21.82 Crore (totally 291) community wells.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open a new Divisional office, constructed at

a cost of Rs.13.49 Crore in Strahans Road in Thiru.Vi.Ka Nagar; Town Primary Health Centre on Rajiv Gandhi Road in Thoraipakkam at a cost of Rs.1.95 Crore; on the K.B.Dasan Road in Teynampet a special Home at a cost of Rs.69 Lakh and a park on fourth main road, Sidco Nagar in Villivakkam at a cost of Rs.1.08 Crore. Total cost Rs. 39.93 Crore.

Theni Allinagaram Municipality - Quarters for Sanitary workers

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open three Mobile Amma Unavagam costing Rs.27 Lakh and flagged off 15 vehicles fitted with gadgets that suck out garbage, costing Rs. 4.34 Crore, for the use of Greater Chennai Corporation. The Hon'ble Chief Minister as a token handed over keys of vehicles to five drivers.



Born in November

The Sculptors of Classical Tamil

Birth : 10.11.1899

K.A.P. VISWANATHAM

Ki. A. Periyannan Viswanatham was an icon who spent more than 65 years spreading the word and greatness of the Thirukkural through writing and speeches, who was celebrated as Muthamizhkavalar. He was instrumental in the building of the Valluvar Kottam in Chennai and wrote more than 25 books and was honoured with a doctorate by Madurai Kamaraj University.

Born to Periyannan and Subbammal in Tiruchi, he never attended school but educated himself by writing on sand and learning by rote.

With the intent of serving Tamil just as was done in the Sangam Age, he organised a 46-member group of Tamil poets and headquartered it in his house. He stressed that concerts should feature only Tamil music. Similarly, he worked to preserve the ancient Tamil medicinal practice of Siddha medicine and with the help of the State Government he helped set up a board. When Arignar Anna organised the World Tamil Conference, he invited Viswanatham to co-head it.

Demise: 19.12.1994

Destitute kids get a new home at Madurai

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat, Chennai on 04.11.2020, inaugurated on behalf of the Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, a new building for the Sathya Ammaiyar Ninaivu Government Orphanage for Destitute Children, at Dr.Thangaraj Salai in Madurai, built at a cost of Rs. 5 Crore. The new building has infrastructure including bedrooms, kitchen, classrooms and office-rooms.

Children who need protection and safety are admitted in Government Child Care Homes in various places in the State and are given long-term protection, education, training and rehabilitation through Child Welfare Committees, functioning under the Juvenile Justice system.

Sathya Ammaiyar Ninaivu Government Orphanage - Madurai

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, in a statement on the floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 13.06.2018 under Rule 110 said that the Government has set up homes at various places in the State to protect and provide basic amenities to girl children who are without any support. Sathya Ammaiyar Ninaivu Government Orphanage for Destitute Children has been functioning in Madurai District since 1986 in the Corporation building. As the building was heavily damaged, a new building with infrastructure facilities like bedrooms, child welfare committee room, classrooms, vocational training hall and dining hall will be provided.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates liquid oxygen plant for Salem GH

Another step for uninterrupted supply to patients

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, at the Secretariat, Chennai on 04.11.2020, on behalf of the Health and Family Welfare Department, declared open through video conferencing a modern liquid oxygen plant of 35,000 litre capacity, costing Rs. 1.14 Crore, at the Salem Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also handed over appointment orders to 8 candidates, selected through the Medical Services Recruitment Board as a token of giving orders to 95 Specialist Doctors on the occasion.

To meet the immediate requirement of those who are affected by the Corona virus, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been taking various precautionary measures in advance. One of these measures is to provide oxygen to the affected people without interruption by increasing the existing capacity of liquid oxygen in Government hospitals.

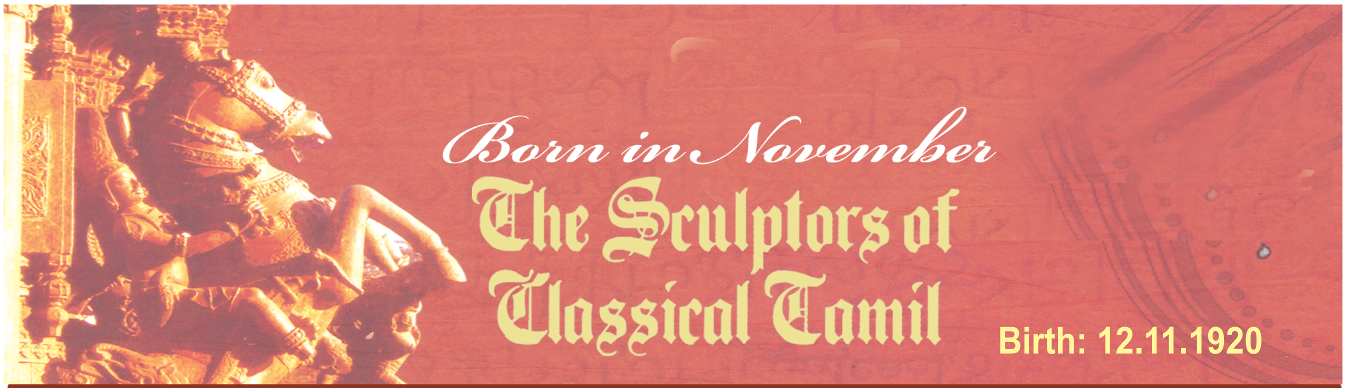
At present, the total capacity of liquid oxygen in 34 Government Medical College Hospitals and District Headquarters Hospitals in the State is 355.1 kilolitres. It has been planned to increase the total capacity of liquid oxygen in these hospitals by procuring 30 more new oxygen plants of 413.5 kilolitres capacity

in 36 Government Medical College Hospitals and District Headquarters Hospitals. For this, new plants have been installed and the capacity of the existing plants have been increased at a cost of Rs. 11 Crore.

As a part of the expansion of the capacity of liquid oxygen, in Salem Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital, the existing plant of 6,000 litres capacity has been replaced by 35,000 litre capacity costing Rs. 1.14 Crore to provide uninterrupted liquid oxygen supply to patients. This is the most modern and the biggest plant among the liquid oxygen plants in the Government and private hospitals in the State.

To fill up vacancies in Government Hospitals and for new created posts in the Department, with a view to providing uninterrupted service to the people coming to the Government hospitals, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma established the Medical Services Recruitment Board in January 2012. This Board has so far recruited 16,120 Doctors, including Specialist Doctors, 50,121 medical and para medical staff including 24,849 nurses.

As a token of handing over appointment orders to 95 Specialist Doctors, selected through the Medical Services Recruitment Board for the Government Hospitals and Primary Health Centres, the Hon'ble Chief Minister gave away appointment order to 8 selected candidates on the occasion. ■



VALLIKANNAN

Vallikannan was born in Thisayanvilai in Tirunelveli, he was named Krishnaswami by parents Rajavallipuram M. Subramaniya Pillai and Mahamayi. A man who dedicated his life to the cause of Tamil literature, Vallikkannan served it in various capacities-as poet, short story writer, critic and translator. He was prolific and diligent, churning out some 75 books over 86 years at the rate of a book a year and did his best to accommodate every book review request. He is widely remembered not just for his literary output but also for his qualities of simplicity and humility.

Demise: 09.11.2006

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for Kallakurichi collectorate complex

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, at the Secretariat, Chennai on 23.10.2020, on behalf of the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, laid foundation stone for the Collectorate building complex for the newly formed Kallakurichi District, to be constructed at a cost of Rs.104.44 Crore at Veeracholapuram in Kallakurichi Taluk in Kallakurichi District through video conferencing.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 08.01.2019, after replying to the discussion on the Hon'ble Governor's address, announced that for administrative convenience, Villupuram District would be bifurcated and a new District with Kallakurichi as headquarters would be formed. Following the announcement, the required Government Order was issued on 12.11.2019 announcing the formation of Kallakurichi District. Following this, the newly formed Kallakurichi District, the 34th District of Tamil Nadu was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at a function on 26.11.2019, meeting the long pending demand of local people.

"A ground floor plus 8 storied Collectorate Complex on a 26,482 Sq. Metre area, to be built at a cost of Rs.104.44 Crore at Veeracholapuram in Kallakurichi Taluk in the Kallakurichi District"

For the newly formed Kallakurichi District, Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone through video conferencing from the Secretariat, Chennai for a ground floor plus 8 storied Collectorate Complex on a 26,482 Sq. Metre area, to be built at a cost of Rs.104.44 Crore at Veeracholapuram in Kallakurichi Taluk in the Kallakurichi District. The Collectorate Complex will have offices for the Revenue Department, Public Works Department, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Social Welfare Department, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, District Backward Class, Most Backward Class and Minorities Welfare Department Offices, District Planning Office, Child Welfare Board, Labour Welfare Board Office, District Registrar Office, District Library, Silk Development Department, Animal Husbandry Department, Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department, Tourism Department, District Employment Office, Treasury Office, Passport office and Social Security Scheme office.

Hon'ble Amma's Government 'committed to sub-quota for Government school students in UG medical seats'

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** on 23.10.2020 *(English Translation)*.

Government and private school students come from many different socio-economic backgrounds. The schools they study, their home environment, parental income and the like differ. To equate them is therefore not fair. Though more students from Government schools clear the NEET examination, they don't get enough medical seats as these are based on marks. As one who had studied in a Government school myself, I felt in my heart of hearts that a separate sub-quota should be created for the students of Government schools and I made an announcement in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 21.03.2020 that a sub-quota will be made for them in medical colleges.

A Commission, headed by retired Hon'ble High Court Judge Thiru. P. Kalaiyarasan was constituted to go into this issue thoroughly and give its recommendations to the Government. Based on its recommendations, the Cabinet gave its consent for a 7.5 per cent sub-quota; a Bill for this was unanimously passed in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and it had been forwarded to the Hon'ble Governor for his consent on 18.09.2020.

Following this, when I met the Hon'ble Governor on 05.10.2020 along with Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, Hon'ble Minister for Law, Courts and Prisons and Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare to brief him about the status of the Corona virus, I also stressed for a speedy approval for the sub-quota Bill.

I firmly believe that the Hon'ble Governor will give his consent to this legislation speedily, realizing that this 7.5 per cent sub-quota will render social justice to the poor and the downtrodden students in regard to undergraduate medical seats. When a team of Ministers called on the Hon'ble Governor on 20.10.2020 and urged him to give approval to the sub-quota legislation speedily, the Hon'ble Governor assured them that he would examine it and give a quick decision.

Hon'ble Amma's Government has additionally created a total of 3,050 medical seats – 1,400 in the last 9 years and 1,650 more through the creation of 11 new Government medical colleges. As such, the Opposition has no locus standi to blame the Government that it has not "pressured the Governor". It is Hon'ble Amma's Government that has provided a sub-quota for the poor students in Government schools in medical colleges, set up a Commission to implement it, got the approval of the Legislature for a 7.5 per cent sub-quota Bill as per the Commission's report and forwarded it to the Hon'ble Governor for his consent-all these, to turn into reality the dream of those students to become Doctors, taking into account at the same time that these students are deprived of the facilities and opportunities enjoyed by private school students.

Hon'ble Amma's Government functions with a focus – safeguarding the people from the Corona virus infection and providing necessary relief to them. This has controlled the virus infection spread in Tamil Nadu and the percentage of recovery after treatment is the highest in the whole country. The mortality rate is also low. The virus infection spread continues to plummet due to the excellent steps taken by the Hon'ble Amma's Government and people's co-operation.

The whole world knows that a vaccine alone is the permanent remedy to control the infection totally. When all people are eagerly awaiting the vaccine, I declared that Hon'ble Amma's Government would administer the vaccine to all people in Tamil Nadu at no cost as and when the vaccine is ready.

Thiru. Stalin, the Leader of the Opposition is already smarting with political malice over the good name Hon'ble Amma's Government enjoys on account of its Corona preventive steps and relief measures. Out of fear over the people's growing support to the Government of Tamil Nadu on account of this new announcement, he is into his 'statement politics' as usual. People of Tamil Nadu laugh at this.

Mobile ICU unit worth Rs. 60 Lakh for Government Kilpauk Medical College

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020, declared open on behalf of the Health and Family Welfare Department, through video conferencing, a Mobile Intensive Care Unit at the Government Kilpauk Medical College Hospital in Chennai, installed at a cost of Rs. 60 Lakh by ACT Fibernet.

ACT Fibernet Ltd., as a part of its Corporate Social Responsibility, donated a 10-bed Mobile ICU worth Rs. 60 Lakh to the Government Kilpauk Medical College Hospital, for the treatment of patients afflicted by COVID-19 disease.

In this Mobile ICU there are 10 beds and a nurse-attended wing. There are facilities for oxygen connection and life-saving medical equipment for treatment. This centre can be shifted wherever it is required for emergency COVID-19 treatment. Centralized monitoring facilities and cameras are also available in this Mobile ICU, which is one of its kind in the country.

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for Chengalpattu collectorate complex

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, at the Secretariat, Chennai on 23.10.2020, on behalf of the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, laid foundation stone for the Collectorate building complex for the newly formed Chengalpattu District, to be constructed at a cost of Rs.119.21 Crore at Vembakkam in Chengalpattu Taluk in Chengalpattu District through video conferencing.

Hon'ble Chief Minister announced in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 18.07.2019, the formation of Chengalpattu District, with Chengalpattu as the District headquarters, by bifurcating the existing Kancheepuram District. Following the announcement, the required Government Order was issued on 12.11.2019. Following this, the newly formed Chengalpattu District, the 37th District in the State, was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 29.11.2019.

"A ground plus 4 storied building on 27,062 sq.ft to be constructed at a cost of Rs.119.21 Crore at Vembakkam in Chengalpattu Taluk in Chengalpattu District."

For the newly formed Chengalpattu District, the Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for a ground plus 4 storied building on 27,062 sq.ft. to be constructed at a cost of Rs.119.21 Crore at Vembakkam in Chengalpattu Taluk in Chengalpattu District. The Collectorate Complex will have offices for Revenue Department, Public Works Department, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Social Welfare Department, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, District Employment Office, Treasury Office, Social Security Scheme Office, Aadhaar/e-Sevai Centre, Passport Office, ELCOT Office and Chief Educational Office.

Hon'ble Chief Minister opens memorial slabs for Police Personnel who made the supreme sacrifice

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** declared open on 20.10.2020 memorial slabs around the Martyr's memorial in the office complex of the Director General of Police on Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai, in memory of the brave Police Personnel in the Tamil Nadu Police Department who died in the line of duty and due to Corona virus. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu also declared open a fountain, planted a tree sapling and visited the Police headquarters.

Every year on October 21st, Police Commemoration Day is observed in honour of Police Personnel who sacrificed their lives in the discharge of their duty. On October 21st, 1959, ten personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were ambushed by Chinese soldiers at a height of 11,000 ft. at Hot Springs in the Ladakh area, resulting in their martyrdom. Their sacrifice is remembered every year from the dais of the Martyr's memorial.

From the year 1950, 151 Police Personnel of the Tamil Nadu Police Department have laid down their lives in the maintenance of law order, in arresting enemies of the country and grave criminals and in protecting the lives and possessions of people. This year, 29 Police Personnel who were front-line warriors during Corona prevention activities and three Police Personnel who were discharging other duties, met with heroic deaths.

By way of commemorating the sacrifice of these 151 Police Personnel, their figures and details of their supreme sacrifice have been etched in the memorial slabs placed around the base of the Martyr's memorial. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu declared open these slabs as also a fountain.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma inaugurated the scheme of planting 66 Lakh tree saplings all over Tamil Nadu on 21.02.2014 by planting a Banyan tree sapling in the office complex of the DGP. In a similar gesture, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu planted a tree sapling in the DGP office complex and visited the Police Headquarters.

Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurates production in seven units, lays foundation stone for nine new projects

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, at the Secretariat, Chennai on 23.10.2020, on behalf of the Industries Department, inaugurated through video conferencing, commercial production of seven industries, set up at a cost of Rs.1,298.20 Crore and facilitating employment opportunities to 7,879 people. The Hon’ble Chief Minister also laid the foundation stones for Nine new industries, to be set up at a cost of Rs. 10,062 Crore, providing employment opportunities to 8,666 persons.

The Government of Tamil Nadu, treading the path of the Hon’ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, has been taking various measures to improve industrial development in the State and to make Tamil Nadu the number one in this respect in the country. Due to these measures, Tamil Nadu is at the forefront in attracting entrepreneurs and big investors.

As part of this drive, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated commercial production in Seven industries on 23.10.2020. The industries are:

1. A plant of Wheels India that manufactures wheels for vehicles and mining equipment, at SIPCOT Industrial Park in Thervoykandigai in Thiruvallur District, set up at a cost of Rs.600 Crore providing job opportunities to 1,800 people. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed for this plant at the Global Investors Meet in 2019.

2. A mobile phone charger unit by Salcomp of Finland at Nokia Telecommunication Special Economic Zone, at Sriperumbudur in Kancheepuram District at a cost of Rs. 500 Crore, that will employ 5,600 people. Due to various special measures taken by the Government to revive the closed Nokia Industries and thereby improve the industrial development in this area, a Memorandum of Understanding for the unit was signed at the Global Investors Meet in 2019.

3. A Power plant, Dindigul Renewable Energy Private Ltd., (Phase I), by the Kalpathi AGS Group, at a cost of Rs.70 Crore providing employment to 150 people at Batlagundu in Dindigul District. This scheme was the result of a Memorandum of Understanding signed at the Global Investors Meet in 2019.

4. A power components manufacturing unit of ‘Power Gear’ at a cost of Rs.37 Crore that will give jobs to 90 persons at Walajapet in Ranipet District.

5. An auto components manufacturing unit at SIPCOT Industrial Park at Irungattukottai in Kancheepuram District by Mudhra Fine Blanc at a cost of Rs. 12.7 Crore, facilitating employment to 100 people. This project follows the Memorandum of Understanding signed during the Global Investors Meet in 2019.

6. An auto components manufacturing unit by Nash Industries India Ltd., at Vallam Vadakal in Kancheepuram District by Nash Industries India Ltd., at a cost of Rs. 56.5 Crore providing employment

to 100 people. The Memorandum of Understanding for this project was signed at the Global Investors Meet in 2019.

7. Shell bearings and bushings manufacturing unit by BBL Daido Pvt. Ltd., at Sriperumbudur in Kancheepuram District at a cost of Rs.22 Crore, providing employment to 39 persons. The scheme was the result of the Memorandum of Understanding signed at the Global Investors Meet in 2019.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid the foundation stones for the following projects:

1. Training Centre by Hyundai Motors at a cost of Rs.150 Crore at Irungattukottai in Kancheepuram District. The Managing Director of the company, Thiru. S.S.Kim handed over on the occasion, Rupees One Crore for the Innovation Centre at SIPCOT Complex in Hosur in Krishnagiri District.

2. A Solar Module/Cell unit by Vikram Solar at Oragadam in Kancheepuram District at a cost of Rs. 5,512 Crore that will give job opportunities to 4,738 persons. A Memorandum of Understanding for this project was signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 27.07.2020.

3. A Logistics Park by Integrated Chennai Business Park, with an investment of Rs. 1,000 Crore that will give job opportunities to 1,100 persons, at Vallur village in Thiruvallur District. The Memorandum of Understanding for this project was signed during the official tour of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to Dubai.

4. Dindigul Renewable Energy Private Ltd., (Phase II) for power production by the Kalpathy AGS Group, at a cost of Rs.300 Crore, that will offer employment to 500 persons. The Memorandum of Understanding for this project was signed at the Global Investors Meet 2019.

5. A manufacturing unit for critical components needed for wind mills and thermal power plants, by Shreevari Energy Systems at a cost of Rs.250 Crore at Melakaranthai in Thoothukudi District. The Memorandum for this project, which will open employment for 228 people was signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 30.11.2019.

6. At Mailam in Villupuram District an 'Earth Breaking Equipment' project by Chennai SSSS Equipments at a cost of Rs.50 Crore that will provide employment to 400 people. This project will engage 40 per cent women engineers.

7. City Gas distribution Scheme in Thiruppur, Cuddalore and Nagapattinam and Thiruvarur Districts by Adani Gas at a cost of Rs. 2,000 Crore, giving employment to 1,000 people.

The Memorandum of Understanding for this project was signed in the Global Investors Meet in 2019.

8. Carbon manufacturing unit by Philips Carbon Black at Thervoykandigai in Thiruvallur District at a cost of Rs.600 Crore, providing employment to 300 people.

9. A pump manufacturing unit by Aquasub Engineering at Kallapalayam in Coimbatore District at a cost of Rs. 200 Crore that will offer employment to 400 people. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 27.07.2020 in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The Nine projects for which foundation stones were laid by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 23.10.2020, included a project worth Rs.1,000 Crore for which MoU was signed during the official tour of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to Dubai, and two projects for which MoUs were signed at the Global Investors Meet 2019. In addition, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated commercial operations for six projects for which MoUs were signed at the same meet.

During the Global Investors Meet 2019, 304 MoUs were signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister for investments to the tune of Rs.3,00,501 Crore and employment opportunities to 10.50 Lakh people Commercial operations were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister for Six projects for which MoUs were signed at the same meet. Along with projects which began commercial operations today, 85 projects, that is 27.96 per cent of the projects, have since begun commercial production. 187 projects, that is, about 61.51 per cent of the projects, are in different stages of execution. Totally, 89.47 per cent of the schemes (that is, 272 out of 304 schemes) are in operation.

Guidance Bureau of Tamil Nadu, which was inaugurated in 1992 has completed 28 years of service. The Hon'ble Chief Minister released a short film on the contribution of the Guidance Bureau to the development of the Industrial sector in Tamil Nadu.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister received a cheque for Rs.14.67 Crore towards the dividend from the Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Paper Ltd., for 2019-2020 from the Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. M.C.Sampath.

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Drinking water scheme inaugurated for 1,10,288 houses in 1,143 hamlets

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020, on behalf of the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, inaugurated the scheme of providing Drinking Water Connection to 1,10,288 houses in 1,143 hamlets under 64 Panchayats, at a cost of Rs.118.46 Crore, under the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' (JJM) of the District Rural Development Agency, Salem.

The 'Jal Jeevan Mission' (JJM) is implemented with the participation of local people in rural areas. The main aim of JJM is to supply drinking water to all houses in rural areas at 55 LPCD (litres per capita per day). Started in 2020-2021, JJM to be completed in 2023-2024 with 45 per cent participation of the Central Government, 45 per cent participation of the State Government and the balance 10 per cent by the local people.

Under JJM, 5,71,683 houses in Salem District are to be provided drinking water connections. In the first phase, during 2020-2021 financial year, at a cost of Rs.118.46 Crore 1,10,288 houses in 1,143 hamlets in 64 Village Panchayats are to be provided drinking water connections. It has been planned to complete the connections by the financial year 2023-2024.

Steps are being taken to provide drinking water connections in the current financial year (2020-2021) under various other schemes apart from JJM, to 87,583 houses in 649 hamlets in 321 Village Panchayats.

Again, it has been planned to provide drinking water connections to 1,90,079 houses in 1,779 Hamlets under 173 Village Panchayats during the financial year 2021-2022 and in the financial year 2022-2023, to 1,83,733 houses in 1,538 Hamlets in 138 Village Panchayats. Totally, in three years it has been planned to provide water connections to 5,71,683 houses which had not been provided water connections so far, before the financial year 2022-2023

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for Ranipet Collectorate Master Plan complex

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, on behalf of the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, laid the foundation stone through video conferencing at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020 for the Ranipet District Collectorate Master Plan Complex to be constructed at an estimate of Rs.118.40 Crore at Ranipet town in Ranipet District.

In the Independence Day speech on 15.08.2019, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced that the large Vellore District would be trifurcated for administrative convenience and in deference to the requests of Hon'ble Ministers, MLAs and the general public, a District would be formed with Vellore as headquarters, another with Thirupattur as headquarters and yet another new one with Ranipet as headquarters.

"A ground floor plus four-floor building an area of 28,711 sq. metres in Ranipet town at an estimated cost of Rs.118.40 Crore at Ranipet town in Ranipet District"

In accordance with that announcement, Ranipet District was created as the 35th District in the State. The District Collectorate Master Plan Complex will come up as a ground floor plus four-floor building an area of 28,711 sq. metres in Ranipet town at an estimated cost of Rs.118.40 Crore. Buildings for the offices of Departments like Revenue, Co-operation, Registration, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Health, Forest, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare, Tamil Development, Geology and Mining, Department for the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons, District Treasury, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minority Welfare, office for District Rural Development Agency and offices for the Chief Educational Officer and District Elementary Education Officer are to be constructed in this new complex.

PLEASURE BOATING IN THE COOUM

Phases of Work—

" As a first phase of work, one 35 feet width sluice (Madaku) with two letouts and a jetty of 250 feet length have been constructed at a total cost of Rs. 66 lakhs.

" The second phase of work is slabbing both sides of the Cooum from Chetput railway station to Napier Bridge a distance of more than six miles, plus paving a 10 feet width pedestrian path on both sides of the Cooum all along the same distance and construction of 8 ferry stops throughout the length of the Cooum. This work had been executed at a cost of Rs. 1.5 crores.

Nor is this all. To prove that this government is not only interested in reclaiming the river so as to make it suitable for pleasure boating but also it holds dear and near to its heart the welfare of the hut dwellers, the government has constructed 941 fire proof huts to provide dwelling place for almost all hut dwellers displaced from the banks of the river, at a cost of Rs. 12 lakhs. Thus the total expenditure in all works out to Rs.2.28 crores.

Stipend scheme to help young lawyers stabilize themselves in the profession

Inaugurating a scheme to provide a monthly assistance of Rs.3,000 for two years to junior lawyers newly enrolled at the Bar Council, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami** presented at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020, as a token of giving the order of stipend to Nine young lawyers.

To enroll permanently in the Bar Council, law graduates coming out of the law college have to pass the All India Bar Examination first. Then, they have to practice as an apprentice for Two or Three years under a senior advocate. It takes Three or Four years for law students from rural and poor families to practice as an advocate after completion of the course. During this period, many lawyers are pushed to indigent conditions and some switch over to other professions instead of stabilizing themselves as advocates. Considering this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced on 02.07.2020 that the Government would provide a monthly stipend of Rs.3,000 to young lawyers in indigent conditions for Two years by way of helping them. The scheme was inaugurated by presenting the order for the financial assistance to Nine young lawyers.

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‘Namadhu Arasu’ portal provides platform for citizens to express their views freely

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020, on behalf of the Information Technology Department, launched a portal ‘Namadhu Arasu’ (*http//tamilnadu.mygov.in*), developed by Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency to enable members of the public easily engage with the Government and share their views.

In the budgetary demand for the Information Technology Department, 2017-2018, it was announced that a portal by name ‘Namadhu Arasu’ would be launched by the Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency, to provide a platform for citizens to freely and openly engage with the Government and give their feedback, share their ideas and suggestions and participate in discussions.

In continuation of the announcement, ‘Namadhu Arasu’ portal was developed by the Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency at a cost of Rs. 91.80 Lakh. The portal will enable the sharing of the activities of the Government with the public and the sharing of the views of the public with the Government and provide a forum for citizens to suggest their views to the Government on issues connected with public welfare.

Again through discussions, activities, dissemination of ideas, articles, expression of opinion and surveys, feedback of citizens will be received. The ‘Namadhu Arasu’ portal is for developing a good relationship between the Government and the public, besides making the approach to the Government machinery easy through e-governance. It will also receive suggestions from the public about the existing schemes and future schemes and based on the suggestions the Government can improve the schemes and devise new ones.

‘Namadhu Arasu’
(http//tamilnadu.mygov.in)

Hon'ble Chief Minister flags off awareness vans to create people's movement against COVID-19

To mark the launching of 33 vans to create awareness about COVID-19 and publicize the measures against it as a people's movement, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** flagged off, on behalf of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, seven vans at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India launched a country-wide people's movement against COVID-19 on 08.10.2020 and appealed to all people to join this battle against the virus. Stressing on the wearing of face mask, hand washing and social distancing of six feet, the Hon'ble Prime Minister asserted: "Together we will succeed; we will vanquish Corona".

Newspapers and TV channels publish/telecast Government's press notes and Press releases regarding Corona infection in a bid to prevent COVID-19 infection spread in Tamil Nadu and to create awareness among people about the virus. Statistics about those affected by the Corona infection and those cured are published as daily bulletins. Appeals of Hon'ble Chief Minister on Corona prevention were telecast on TV channels and private local channels. The Hon'ble Chief Minister's awareness appeal has been sent to people as voice calls, SMS and through communication establishments.

Pamphlets and folders were prepared under 24 heads inclusive of 'Do's and Don'ts for people', `Procedures to be followed by those in isolation at home', 'Psychiatric counselling for those in isolation' and 'Know the facts' (Arindhu Kollungal), dispatched to all District Collectors and distributed to every household in Municipal Corporations,

Municipalities, Town Panchayat areas and also in highly populated Panchayat areas adjacent to Municipal Corporations/Municipalities. Likewise, awareness campaign was carried out through Police vans and autorickshaws to people in Corporation and Municipality areas. Dramatic troupes are also pressed into service in places where people gather in large numbers for creating awareness about Corona.

The needed awareness is being created amidst people through 54 documentaries/ jingles connected with Corona and prepared by the Departments of Information and Public Relations, Health, other Departments and Greater Chennai Corporation and telecast by all TV channels and private local channels. The documentaries /jingles include the appeal made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the appeal of Doctors and Police to People, advice to senior citizens, procedures to be followed in industries/ offices, importance of following the physical distancing norm in shops/fish markets, do's and don'ts in house isolation, Corona patient's advice to people, importance of wearing face mask, frequent hand washing and physical distancing and the like.

In continuation of such measures, seven awareness publicity vans were flagged off on 28.10.2020 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister to mark the launching of 33 such vans against COVID-19.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also released a DVD containing awareness documentaries and jingles against COVID-19 and Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr C. Vijayabaskar and Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity Thiru. Kadambur Raju received it. The Hon'ble Chief Minister later listened to the jingles telecast in the L.E.D. publicity van of the Department of Information and Public Relations. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also glanced through the awareness manuals on controlling COVID-19.

Colleges, universities reopening limited to research students, PG science and technical courses

In a press release issued on 12.11.2020, the Government of Tamil Nadu stated that orders have been issued for reopening Colleges/Universities on 02.12.2020 for research students and postgraduate science and technical courses students alone. This decision has been taken as per the guidelines of the University Grants Commission issued on 05.11.2020 and on the basis of the views received from college and university managements. The date of opening colleges for other students will be announced later. Hostels will be reopened only in colleges that are opened on 02.12.2020. Standard operating procedures for colleges and hostels will be issued separately. The online education already in force for other students will continue.

The press release further stated that the order permitting the holding of social, political and cultural events, celebrations connected with education and religious meetings from 16.11.2020 subject to observance of the standard operating procedures and a congregation of not more than 100 persons, is now cancelled. It is ordered that the ban on them will continue till a revised order is issued.

The order to reopen schools and school hostels from 16.11.2020 for students of 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th standard classes is also cancelled till a revised order is issued. The date of re-opening of schools will be announced later based on the prevailing situation.

Hon'ble Chief Minister opens new buildings for Nolambur and Perambalur Taluk offices

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat, Chennai on 04.11.2020, on behalf of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, an office building and quarters for the Revenue Tahsildar in Nolambur in Maduravoyal in Chennai District built at a cost of Rs.2.22 Crore and office buildings for the Revenue Tahsildar in Perambalur in Perambalur District, built at a cost of Rs.2.54 Crore.

Revenue Tahsildar Office, Maduravoyal, Chennai

As per the dictum that the Government goes to the Public, the Revenue and the Disaster Management Department serves as a bridge between the people and the Government. It involves itself in forming new Revenue Divisions, constructing new office buildings for the Department with all facilities and quarters for the Department's employees. It also monitors the implementation of the Government's welfare schemes being implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu on the path of the Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

Revenue Tahsildar Office,
Perambalur Taluk, Perambalur

In this way, at the District Collectors meeting on 13.12.2013, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma announced that a new building for the Revenue Tahsildar Office would be constructed for the Maduravoyal division. As per Hon'ble Amma's announcement, Hon'ble Chief Minister on 04.11.2020 declared open the Tahsildar Office and Quarters, built at a cost of Rs.2.22 Crore.

In the 2017-2018 budget, it was announced that 10 new Tahsildar office buildings and quarters would be constructed. As per the announcement, the Revenue Tahsildar Office building for Perambalur Taluk was constructed at a cost of Rs.2.54 Crore and declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. ■

Hon'ble Chief Minister points to lesser number of Corona infections, asks Opposition not to demean Government's focused efforts

Inaugural speech of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami** at the District Collectors review meeting on the measures taken to curb the spread of Corona virus in the State, at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020 *(English Translation)*.

At the outset I extend my welcome to all of you.

Hon'ble Amma's Government has been taking various special steps to control the COVID-19 virus spread in the State. Following these measures, the virus spread has been brought under control in the State. Significantly, the number of virus infections in many Districts has been coming down. This was possible due to your continuous efforts. Based on this, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has said that other States should follow Tamil Nadu's example in taking anti-Corona activities. To ensure that the present situation continues and to totally prevent the disease, we should continue to work hard and with focus. Particularly, we should see that people don't gather in large numbers during the festival period and also create awareness about the virus.

I have conducted 11 review meetings of District Collectors under my Presidentship had 10 meetings with medical personnel. Under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, there have been 11 consultative meetings with District Collectors. Lockdown has been used judiciously and carefully and with necessary

relaxations, considering the situation of the virus spread in the State.

So far, the Government has spent Rs. 7,372 Crore, 25 Lakh. Of this Rs. 1,983 Crore has been spent on expenses towards medicines and Rs.5,389 Crore on relief activities. By continuously organizing fever camps, door-to-door checking of people for fever and virus spread, RT-PCR tests, quarantine and treatment, the virus spread has started coming down.

At present, 201 Laboratories are functioning; of these 66 are Government laboratories and 135 are private laboratories. So far, 96.60 Lakh people have undergone RT-PCR tests. At present, RT-PCR Tests are being done for 80,000 people per day. There are 1,39,098 beds in the COVID-19 Hospitals. Of these, 34,506 beds have oxygen facilities, 7,666 beds have ICU facilities and 6,517 have ventilator facilities. The Government is in a state of readiness to treat those affected by the disease.

The most important life-saving drugs, Tocilizumab 400 mg, Remdesivir 100 mg and Enoxaparin 40 mg tablets have been procured and supplied to all Government hospitals. The State Government has taken the necessary steps to procure sufficient number of examination kits, N95 Face Masks, Protective Gear, PPE kits, CT Scans, X-Ray equipment and these are being kept in readiness for the treatment of affected people. All the field workers and those who are in quarantine areas are given zinc and vitamin tablets free. As per the Indian System of Medicine, 'Kabasura' kudineer is given to people resulting in gradual reduction of Corona virus infections.

To provide special treatment to those affected by Corona infection, 15,000 medical personnel have been appointed. Of these, 2,751 are doctors, 6,893 are nurses and the remaining are para medical staff. The Government has planned to start 2,000 mini clinics throughout the State with one doctor, one nurse and a medical assistant to provide immediate treatment for fever and other ailments and the locations for these mini clinics are being selected. In these clinics, patients are examined and given proper treatment if they are diagnosed for any other disease. If they have

serious diseases, they are referred to the nearby hospitals for advanced treatment.

Due to exemplary treatment given by our doctors, the disease spread has been brought down to 7.39 per cent and is under control. In the last 17 days, the spread has come down and the total number of infections is less than 5,000. In the last 4 days the disease spread is less than 3,000. The number of persons undergoing treatment has come down from 50,000 to 30,000 patients at present.

Thanks to the steps taken by the Hon'ble Amma's Government, the number of persons who are discharged after treatment is 6,75,518 which is 94.57 per cent. I would like to inform you that the mortality rate was 1.53 per cent. To reduce the mortality rate still further, I appeal to the District Collectors to take steps in consultation with the Health Department personnel and take strong measures. Respective District Collectors should regularly review the quality of food, drinking water, toilet and other facilities at the COVID-19 Special Centres and ensure that these facilities are available in full for the patients in the Centre.

So far, 46 Lakh reusable masks have been distributed to the poor and the needy people in Chennai. I would like to inform you that in other Districts, so far, 4.95 Crore masks have been distributed.

The State Government has been engaged in various relief activities, including distribution of free food pockets and relief amount to the

Desilting Water Tank

Paddy Procurement Centre

poor, small traders and petty merchants to protect their financial position.

Despite Corona pandemic, Memoranda of Understanding have been signed for 55 new industries. This has attracted Rs.40,718 Crore investment. Employment opportunities have been created for about 74,212 persons. Due to these measures, Tamil Nadu has become the number one State in the country in facilitating job opportunities by attracting new investments in the current year.

Welfare schemes of the Government of Tamil Nadu have reached the people, due to special efforts taken by Hon'ble Amma's Government. Unemployment has come down by one sixth in the last six months protecting the people from any economic slide. Research reports by various agencies have pointed out that individual income has been increasing gradually and the State is recovering fast from the Corona effect.

On 12.10.2020, under my leadership, a meeting for monsoon preparedness was conducted by the State Disaster Management Committee. Now the monsoon season is about to start. This year, the rainfall is likely to be normal. In all Districts, especially in the coastal Districts, preparatory measures should be taken before the monsoon, which include strengthening of canal banks, tank bunds and anaicuts. Flood protection centres should be kept ready. If necessary, additional storm protection centres should be found and they should also be kept ready. We should be prepared to undertake anti-corona activities. In hilly Districts, possible land-slide areas should be found and precautionary measures should be taken. The administration should be ready with equipment required for removing uprooted trees during the monsoon.

Due to desilting and deepening of water bodies and tanks, as well as restoration of canals this year, Kuruvai crops area in the current year was a record 4.12 Lakh acres.

District Collectors should monitor the procurement centres and open additional centres

Koyambedu Market

if necessary. Sufficient tarpaulin stocks should be maintained to protect paddy sacks brought to procurement centres.

Hon'ble Amma's Government historic achievement is getting permission to start 11 new Government medical colleges in the State in a single year. Within a short time, construction work has started. As I had already mentioned in my previous meeting. The respective District Collectors should make field visits and complete work at the earliest.

The Government is getting representations from theatre owners for opening the theatres for shows. The decision will be taken after the present review meeting and after hearing the views of the medical experts at the review meeting to be held after this meeting.

In the Koyambedu Market complex, already food grains market and wholesale vegetable markets have been opened. At present, about 7,500 merchants are using the market. To control the spread of the disease virus, daily disinfectants are sprayed in the market, social distance is maintained and medical tests is conducted. The Commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation should take necessary steps to adopt these severe anti-virus activities. Through this meeting, I appeal to the authorities concerned to make frequent field visits and to monitor the anti-virus activities. The wholesale fruit market, retail fruit and vegetable markets, which are now functioning in temporary places are seeking permission for opening their shops in the Koyambedu wholesale market. I would like to inform you that the Government would take a decision after considering the livelihood of the workers, merchants and those who depend on the market and at the same time, the interest of the people.

As festivals like Deepavali are fast approaching, I appeal to District Collectors to create awareness among people through public address system for wearing masks, maintaining social distance and avoiding crowding.

At present, the virus spread is coming down gradually. In these circumstances, after hearing the opinions and suggestions of the District Collectors and medical personnel, a decision will be taken on opening the colleges and schools.

As far as agriculture activities are concerned, at present cent per cent activities are going on. Already permission has been granted to industries to function with

100 per cent workers. I would like to inform you that already many industries are functioning with 90 per cent attendance of workers.

As far as supply of drinking water is concerned, due to good monsoon rains there is no difficulty in providing it. This apart, thanks to steps taken by the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board, in Greater Chennai Corporation, Town panchayats and Panchayat unions in their respective jurisdictions and in most of the areas in the State, 90 per cent drinking water supply is maintained.

Opposition Leaders have charged that severe restrictions had been imposed in Tamil Nadu. They said that on the other hand, restrictions were less in the neighbouring States. So here too, severe restrictions should be withdrawn. They deliberately made allegations against the Government with an ulterior motive. But due to steps taken by the Government, in consultation with high officials, today this virus spread has been gradually reduced. But the Opposition Leaders at that time compared us with neighbouring States. They said that due to severe restrictions industries were closed and various activities were crippled. So they wanted the restrictions to be relaxed. But what is the situation now? Due to correct steps taken by the Hon'ble Amma's Government, the virus spread has gradually been reduced. Normality is likely to return soon. But in the neighbouring States, what is the situation ? There the virus spread is on the rise. We have received information that those who are coming from other States and other countries to the neighbouring States have to undertake the Corona test compulsorily. Why I am mentioning these things here is that the Opposition Leaders discredited the measures took by the Government. They should stop demeaning the Government. Government officials have been working in a dedicated manner. Some of the officials have lost their lives during this service. The Opposition Leaders should think of the sacrifice made by those officers.

This is a new disease. The Opposition Leaders are confusing the people by issuing statements as if the Government had not taken any steps to control the disease. They should stop such false propaganda. The Government is taking correct measures only after consulting District Collectors, those in the rank of Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Government Secretaries, Government high officials and medical personnel. I would like to inform you that the virus spread has come down only after taking steps recommended by them. With dedication, the officials carried out the suggestions made by them and I express my thanks to them for their dedicated services. Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma's Government has been establishing many records. I would like to inform you that even during this Corona period, we are able to achieve continuous growth in all sectors.

I once again thank the people for their co-operation and the officials who faithfully follow the Government's directives. I conclude my speech with an appeal to the people to co-operate with the Government in all its activities against the Corona pandemic.

Nandri! Vanakkam!

Hon'ble Chief Minister makes pitch for zero Corona infections, warns against disturbers of law & order

Concluding address of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, at the District Collectors review meeting on the measures taken to curb the spread of Corona virus in the State, at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020 *(English Translation)*

Welcome to all of you.

The District Collectors assembled here have clearly explained the anti-Corona measures taken by them in their respective Districts. The Respectable Chief Secretary also listed measures taken in the Districts. For prevention of Corona infections, the Government has been giving advice on many points. Unfortunately, the public are not following them faithfully. The District Administration should create awareness among the public. People should wear mask when they go out and during purchase of goods they should observe minimum social distance. When they return home, they should wash their hands with soap and they should keep their homes clean. If the members of the public continue to observe these measures, we can prevent the spread of Corona virus. The District Administration should continue to create awareness about these measures continuously. At present, nearly 35 per cent of the people are not wearing masks in Tamil Nadu. The District Administration should take steps to create a situation where cent per cent of the people wear masks. Unaware of the seriousness of the disease and its symptoms, people are taking things lightly by not wearing masks. So, the District Administration should involve itself seriously and make all people wear masks.

Deepavali festival is fast approaching. People are gathering in large numbers in the streets of Chennai. Many among them are found not wearing masks. Officers belonging to the Police Department should continue to create awareness among the people. Only then can we create a situation wherein they all wear masks and we can control the disease.

In areas where there is virus spread, disinfectants should be sprayed at regular intervals. Town Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporation Administrations should pay more attention to the situation. Steps should also be taken to keep toilets clean.

The Indian Meteorological Department has announced that the monsoon has arrived. Under these circumstances, the District Administration should see to it that there is no stagnation of water in their jurisdiction. If there is stagnation, there is a possibility of Dengue fever. So, the District Administration should carefully watch the situation and take corrective measures.

The District Collectors should now and then review the Green House Scheme and the Prime Minister's Housing Scheme and take steps to complete the works. Through local bodies they should check whether street lights are functioning. If not, they should immediately rectify the situation. These are activities that fulfil the day-to-day needs of the people.

Similarly, the administration should see whether sufficient rations are stocked in ration shops. If not, it should take steps to provide continuous supply of rations to the consumers.

Despite taking anti-Corona Steps, in some Districts there is a spurt in Corona incidence without any reason. The District Collectors should see to it that this does not happen in their jurisdiction. In some Districts, the incidence of Corona Virus is more than 100. I appeal to the administration to take steps to bring down the incidence to less than 50. In places where the incidence is less than 50 the administration should create a situation where there is no virus incidence at all.

As far as Law and Order is concerned, the Police should take care of it diligently. There are some who are trying to disturb the Law and Order situation in the State. I appeal to the Department to watch the situation carefully and take proper action without affecting the people.

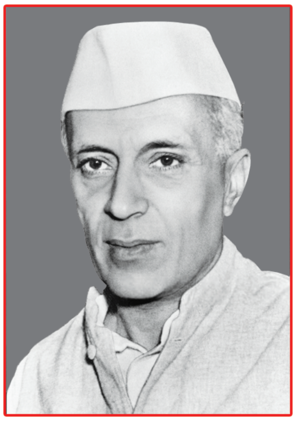
As far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, Corona infections are gradually coming down due to the joint efforts of District Collectors and higher officials of various Departments. I request you to achieve, within a short span of time, a situation wherein there is no Corona Virus spread in the State. With this appeal, I conclude my speech. ■

132nd Birth Anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru

The 132nd birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was celebrated on November 14th on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu. Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Thiru. D.Jayakumar, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries Thiru. P. Benjamin, Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture Thiru. K.Pandiarajan, Secretary for Tamil Development and Information Department Thiru. Mahesan Kasirajan I.A.S. and Director of Information and Public Relations, Thiru. D. Baskara Pandian I.A.S. paid floral tributes to the portrait of Jawaharlal Nehru, placed near his statue at Kathipara Junction, Guindy, Chennai on 14.11.2020.

14th November - Birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru

The 'Discovery' of India



India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, whose birth anniversary falls on November 14, ponders over the idea of India in this edited excerpt from 'The Discovery of India'.

What is this India, apart from her physical and geographical aspects? What did she represent in the past? What gave strength to her then? How did she lose that old strength? And has she lost it completely? Does she represent anything vital now, apart from being the home of a vast number of human beings? How does she fit into the modern world?

India was in my blood and there was much in her that instinctively thrilled me. And yet I approached her almost as an alien critic, full of dislike for the present as well as for many of the relics of the past that I saw. To some extent I came to her via the West and looked at her as a friendly westerner might have done. I was eager and anxious to change her outlook and appearances and give her the garb of modernity. And yet doubts arose within me. Did I know India? – I who presumed to scrap much of her past heritage?

I stood on a mound of Mohenjodaro in the Indus Valley in the north-west of India and all around me lay the houses and streets of this ancient city that is said to have existed over five thousand years ago; and even then it was an old and well-developed civilization…. Astonishing thought that any culture or civilization should have this continuity for five or six thousand years or more; and not in a static, unchanging sense, for India was changing and progressing all the time. She was coming into intimate contact with the Persians, the Egyptians, the Greeks, the Chinese, the Arabs, the Central Asians and the peoples of the Mediterranean. But though she influenced them and was influenced by them, her cultural basis was strong enough to endure. What was the secret of this strength? Where did it come from?

I read her history and read also a part of her abundant ancient literature and was powerfully impressed by the vigour of the thought, the clarity of the language and the richness of the mind that lay behind it. I wandered over the Himalayas, which are closely connected with old myth and legend and which have influenced so much our thought and literature. My love of the mountains and my kinship with Kashmir especially drew me to them and I saw there not only the life and vigour and beauty of the present, but also the memoried loveliness of ages past.

These journeys and visits of mine, with the background of my reading, gave me an insight into the past. To a somewhat bare intellectual understanding was added an emotional appreciation and gradually a sense of reality began to creep into my mental picture of India and the land of my forefathers became peopled with living beings, who laughed and wept, loved and suffered; and among them were men who seemed to know life and understand it and out of their wisdom they had built a structure which gave India a cultural stability which lasted for thousands of years.

Hon'ble Amma's Government dedicates itself for the welfare of the people

File Image

Premier brand shows record sales, protects livelihoods, launches new products

Dr. M. Vallalar I.A.S., Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producer's Federation Limited *(English Translation)*.

"Use your brain, exercise your powers of reasoning. Times are changing, Ideas are changing too. We too must change and with us, the Nation!"

In accordance with the above lines, Aavin, under Hon'ble Amma's Government led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami has been dedicating itself to the service of consumers for the last 40 years. Aavin's basic objective is to supply fresh, pure and quality milk to consumers at an affordable price.

Thirukkural says that 'an act should be performed after considering the agent of the action, the action itself and the time suitable for it'

In keeping with this dictum, considering the welfare of the people as well as the changing times, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, launched 5 new milk products on 07.07.2020 on behalf of Aavin. These new products have been receiving a good response from consumers.

At a time when the world is reeling under the effects of the Corona pandemic, to boost the immune system of people, Aavin has introduced a new buttermilk containing ginger, turmeric, tulsi, cumin seeds, asafoetida, lemon and rock salt (induppu). This has been done based on the natural ways of health followed by our

forefathers and as per the recommendations of the doctors of the Yoga and Naturopathy section of the Government of Tamil Nadu. Through the introduction of this herbal buttermilk, Hon'ble Amma's Government aims to protect the health not only of the present generation but also that of future generations.

In accordance with the song 'Sathiyam Neeye' which says that "even if a person raising a cow has forgotten it or has given it away to somebody else, the cow never forgets its owner; if it could speak it would be a deity that blesses in words", cows are the lifeline of farmers. Cow's milk is being used by the poor, the middle class as also other sections of people. To protect consumers from any loss due to souring of milk, Aavin has, for the first time, introduced milk with 4.5 per cent fat and 8.5 per cent protein in a convenient pack, that does not get spoiled for 90 days even without refrigeration.

> As per the words of Thiruvalluvar, one does not need any aid other than fearlessness if one has thoroughly reflected on what is to be done and selected a suitable place for the operations

Earlier, Aavin was selling milk with six per cent fat content at the maximum and nine per cent 'solids not fat'. Now it has introduced a new variety of milk known as 'Tea mate' with 6.5 per cent fat and nine per cent protein for the use of tea stalls, hotels and cooking masters. To attract children and the youth of the present generation, Aavin has introduced mango and chocolate flavoured lassis.

Sage Thiruvalluvar held that when a rare opportunity presents itself, one must use it forthwith to achieve rare things

At present, about 230 Lakh litres of milk are produced in the State. Of this, Aavin procures 40 Lakh litres, which is 17 per cent of the total production. Of the balance 83 per cent, the local usage is 17 per cent, 16 per cent is procured by private milk sellers and 50 per cent by non-formal sellers.

A cow is like a plantain tree in serving the needs of a family. Therefore, considering the welfare of rural milk producers, the procurement price fixed by the Government is paid to the rural producers based on the quality of the milk.

In accordance with the directions of the

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and the guidance of Hon'ble Minister for Milk and Dairy Development, the Aavin organization is continuously procuring milk so that the livelihood of rural milk producers is not affected. During the lockdown period in force because of the Corona pandemic, some

private milk societies had stopped procurement from the rural milk producers. Aavin, on the directive of the Hon'ble Minister for Milk and Dairy Development, continued to purchase milk from the rural producers without any profit motive at the rate of Rs.32 per litre, with the aim of protecting the livelihood of rural dairy farmers. A total of 155 new co-operative milk societies have been formed

and 139 defunct societies have been revived; At present 9,266 village milk co-operative societies are functioning in the State.

Due to this, the daily procurement, which was 29 Lakh litres has increased to 40.28 Lakh litres. Similarly the daily sale of milk which was 22.89 Lakh litres increased to 25 Lakh litres, showing an increase of 9.21 per cent.

In accordance with the lyric that "there may many pitfalls on your way which will try to defeat you, but you must cross all the impediments and move ahead with an eye on your goal", the present Hon'ble Chief Minister's Government is moving ahead. Aavin, through Zomato and Swiggy has been supplying milk at the doorstep of consumers. Due to this, the sale of Aavin products, which was Rs.34.78 Crore before the Corona period has increased to Rs. 41.15 Crore now.

When all State Co-operative units registered a fall in sales, Aavin in Tamil Nadu in the last 3 months has registered a record in sales. It is significant to note that this was praised by none other than the Union Ministry of Dairy Development in a video conferencing meeting.

The surplus milk available with Aavin after sales is converted into milk powder and butter. At present Aavin has a stock of 8,400 metric tonnes of powder and its shelf life is one year. Whenever there is a demand for more milk in the market, the milk powder can be converted into milk and thereby the possibility of Aavin incurring loss is prevented.

As another sign of confirmation that Aavin has etched itself in the hearts of its consumers, the world panel division of Data Insights company, Kantar has found in its survey that Aavin is in the seventh place among the Top Chosen Brands of consumer products. Apart from this, among the Milk Producing companies in the country, Aavin is in the second place, next only to Amul. These findings have confirmed the faith of consumers in Aavin.

No wonder that even during the Corona period, Aavin's milk procurement (40 Lakh litres) and the sale of milk and milk products created a record.

Aavin is marching towards the path of growth with profit, thanks to the best measures taken by the administration and its marketing activities.

In consonance with the wisdom that if the ruler steadfastly looks after the affairs of those involved in many occupations, things in the kingdom will be fine, Hon'ble Amma's Government, led by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu is catering to the needs of farmers to ensure their happiness. It is thus working with the welfare of the people as its sole aim.

Korattur subway replaces level crossing

Twenty-one bridges in 13 Districts opened at a cost of Rs. 59.28 crore

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, declared open through video conferencing at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020, a limited-use subway constructed at a cost of Rs.21.96 Crore near the Korattur Railway Station, Ambattur Taluk, Chennai District. The subway replaces the railway level-crossing no.4 near the Railway Station. Also declared open were 21 bridges constructed at a cost of Rs.59.28 Crore in 13 Districts.

Realizing the importance of Road infrastructure in the socio-economic development of the State, to increase the capacity of Roads commensurate to the growing transport needs and ensure safe travel, the Government of Tamil Nadu that functions on the path of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma is diligently implementing works like construction of bridges across the State, laying quality Roads in needed areas and maintenance of Roads and bridges.

A bridge across Palar at Irumbulicheri between the villages Irumbulicheri and Sevur - Chengalpattu

The other 21 bridges declared open were: a bridge across Palar at Irumbulicheri between the villages Irumbulicheri and Sevur, Thirukalukundram Taluk, Chengalpattu District at a cost of Rs.14.30 Crore; a bridge at Sirukarumbur on the Sirukarumbur-Vegamangalam Road, Nemili Taluk, Ranipet District (Rs.4.34 Crore); a bridge at Jittappalli on the Perumbadi-Sempalli-Jittappalli Road, Gudiyatham Taluk, Vellore District (Rs.7.20 Crore); a bridge at Kalacheri on the Puvanur-Kalacheri-Munnaval Kottai Road, Needamangalam Taluk, Thiruvarur District (Rs.1.95 Crore); a bridge at Panthappanenthal on P. Kodikulam Road which branches off from the Ramanathapuram-Emaneswaram Road, Paramakudi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District (Rs.3.20 Crore); Two bridges in Dharmapuri District, one at Pannimaduvu on the Hanumantheertham - Poyyapatti Road, Arur Taluk (Rs.4.07 Crore) and another one at Chavadiyur on Mallasamudram Hanumanthapuram Road, Kariamangalam Taluk (Rs.1.56 Crore); Three bridges in Tiruchirapalli District, one across Thazhaiyaru at Kottapalayam, on Koppampatti - Viswambal Samudram-B.Mettur Road, Thuraiyur Taluk (Rs.1.09 Crore), a bridge at Mangalam on the Valavandhi-Mangalam Road via Thulayanatham (Rs.1.36 Crore) and another one at Nadar colony on the Paithamparai-Serugudi Road (Rs.1.62 Crore) - both in Musiri Taluk; a bridge at Pappakudi on the Kallathur-Pappakudi-Melanaikuzhi Road, Udayarpalayam, Ariyalur District (Rs.1.54 Crore); a bridge at Vasudevanallur on the Vasudevanallur-Poolankulam Road, Sivagiri Taluk, Tenkasi District (Rs.1.10 Crore); Three bridges in Tirunelveli District - two in Ambasamudram Taluk at Sivasailam on the Sivasailam-Dharmapurammadam Road (Rs.99 Lakh) and at Pottal on the Karambai-Pottal Road (Rs.1.43 Crore) and one other in Nanguneri Taluk at Thamaraiselvi on the Reddiyarpatti-Vijayanarayanam Road (Rs.1.98 Crore); Two bridges in Orathanadu Taluk, Thanjavur District at Chinnapulikudikadu on the Chinnapulikudikadu-Ragavambalpuram Road (Rs.1.55 Crore) and another one at Sadayarkovil on the Saliyamangalam-Sadayarkovil Road (Rs.1.55 Crore); Three bridges in Coimbatore District - at Athipalayam on the Ganapathi-Athipalayam Road, Annur Taluk (Rs.2.50 Crore), at Panappatti on the Kamanayakanpalayam-Negamam-Chettipalayam Road, Kinathukadavu Taluk (Rs.1.60 Crore) and at Ellaipallam on the branch Road of the Chedimuthur-Gopalapuram Road, starting from Kerala border and reaching Thappattaikizhavanpudur, Pollachi Taluk (Rs.2.50 Crore); and a bridge at Veethampatti on the Karamadai-Periapatti-Negamam Road via Amanthakadavu, Udumalpet Taluk, Thiruppur District (Rs.1.85 Crore) – totally 21 bridges and a limited-use subway constructed at a cost of Rs.81.24 Crore were declared open.

A bridge at Ellaipallam on the Chedimuthur - Gopalapuram Road - Coimbatore

Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurates 25 continuous ambient air Quality monitoring stations in 21 Districts across the State

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020, inaugurated 25 Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations set up at a cost of Rs.45 Crore in 21 Districts, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.

Installed Air Quality Monitoring Station

The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, under the National Air Quality Monitoring Programme, collects air samples for two days in a week in 28 places in major cities and industrial areas to evaluate the quality of air. Apart from this, to find the quality of air continuously throughout the day, the Board has set up 5 Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations in Chennai and one each in Gummidipoondi, Coimbatore, Perundurai and Thoothukudi. The data recorded in these stations are used to arrive at the Air quality Index, which is uploaded in the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board portal.

To expand the scheme throughout Tamil Nadu, Hon’ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma

Air Quality Analysis instruments

made a statement on the floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 27.08.2015. Saying that Tamil Nadu is one of the most industrialized and urbanized States in India, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma added, "The exhaust fumes from vehicles and factories are mainly responsible for air pollution. It has become imperative to monitor the quality of air and to prevent air pollution in industrial areas". Hon'ble Amma then announced that to monitor the quality of air continuously in towns throughout the State and in industrial areas, 25 Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations would be set up.

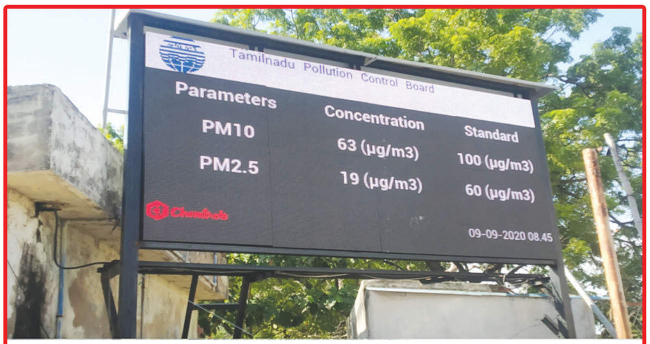
In continuation of the statement, 25 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations are to be set up in Thiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Vellore, Krishnagiri, Tiruchirappalli, Dindigul, Salem, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Ariyalur, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai, Karur, Namakkal, Thiruppur, Coimbatore, the Nilgiris, Ramanathapuram, Madurai, Virudhunagar and Tirunelveli Districts at a cost of Rs.45 Crore. These stations were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

In these stations, data on PM_{10}, $PM_{2.5}$, Sulfur dioxide, (SO_2) nitrogen dioxide (NO_2), ammonia (NH_3),ozone (O_3), carbon monoxide (CO) and benzene, toluene, xylene will be gathered for every 15 minutes and these details will be displayed in 6 feet by 4 feet electronic display boards for the benefit of the public. With these details, Air Quality Index is calculated and uploaded in the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board website.

The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has also entered into a Memorandam of Understanding with engineering colleges in various Districts for making use of the details from the Stations by the professors and students of the colleges for their research purposes.

In addition, as per the directive of the National Green Tribunal, based on the data from these stations, non-attainment cities will be permitted to take policy decisions on air pollution control and prepare project reports and implement them. The data will be used for preparing environmental impact assessment reports for starting new industries.

With the inauguration of these 25 Continous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations, the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has the most number of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations for any such Board in India, another feather in Tamil Nadu's cap. ■



To measure Air Quality Display Board

Twenty-three manuals released to promote adolescents' rights, prevent child marriages

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami** released 'Elanthendral' communication manuals, prepared on behalf of the State Resource Centre for Non-formal and Adult Education, with financial assistance from UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020. This is a compilation of 23 manuals, brought out as a part of the scheme for development of adolescent's rights and prevention of child marriages.

These manuals aim at creating awareness about child marriage, sexual assaults against adolescent girls and how they have to be handled. The titles of the manuals are: Elanthendral Pettagam – an introduction, development of adolescent boys and girls rights; Life-skill training; Sexual violence – let us talk to adolescents; Child marriage – Why? For What? How?; Skill development training for adolescent boys; Skill development training for adolescent girls; Skill development training for both adolescent boys and girls; Skill development training for frontline field workers; Laws and Schemes for children and adolescent girls; strategies to meet the challenges on the field; the established code of action for Police Personnel, school teachers, frontline field workers, District Officer in charge for prevention of child marriage and Panchayat Presidents and members; handbooks for training police personnel, teachers, frontline field workers, District Officers in charge for prevention of child marriage, District Officers in charge of child safety and Panchayat members in regard to sex-related violence and child marriage and a manual for Panchayat members on safe childhood scheme.

These manuals will be distributed to train personnel of the Departments of Social Welfare, Social Security (Child welfare, District Child Protection Unit and Juvenile Justice Board), Police, School Education, Local Administration and frontline field workers who are engaged in the implementation of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act in the Seven Districts of Tiruvannamalai, Krishnagiri, Coimbatore, Perambalur, Salem, Virudhunagar and Theni where child marriages are rampant. ■

Commercial Taxes and Registration Department gets Integrated Building at Chennai Nandanam

An integrated building for the Commercial Taxes and Registration Department, constructed at a cost of Rs.73.18 Crore at Nandanam, Guindy Taluk, Chennai District was declared open through video conferencing by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020.

Also declared open commissioned were Integrated Commercial Tax office buildings at Rajapalayam and Palani and three Lifts installed in the integrated commercial tax office building at Madurai – all at a cost of Rs.4.07 Crore.

In the announcement in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 07.08.2014, Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma recalled the opening of office buildings with all facilities for the Department of Commercial Taxes so as to give greater facilities to visiting traders and to provide an atmosphere conducive to work to the employees. Hon'ble Amma stated that two integrated commercial taxes office buildings with all facilities would be constructed in Chennai city. Accordingly, the office building constructed at Vepery for North Chennai, was declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 19.11.2019.

The Integrated Commercial Tax and Registration Department building at Nandanam has come up on an area of 23,360 sq.metres, with Eight floors including the ground floor and houses 60 Commercial Tax Offices and Seven registration offices. It has all facilities like lifts, generator, ramp for the differently abled, rain water harvesting structure and convention hall.

The Integrated Commercial Tax office building at Rajapalayam, Virudhunagar District is constructed at a cost of Rs.1.84 Crore and that in Palani, Dindigul District at a cost of Rs.1.53 Crore. The installation of Three lifts in the integrated commercial tax office building at Madurai is at a cost of Rs.70 Lakh. ■

Born in November

The Sculptors of Classical Tamil

Birth: 17.11.1909

SI. ILAKKUVANAAR

Si. Ilakkuvanaar was one of the great Tamil minds of the 20th century, with a translation of Tolkappiyam in to English to his credit and various other works to his credit. He was also responsible for students all over Tamil Nadu addressing roll call in class in Tamil, instead of saying the traditional "Yes sir".

Born to Singaravelar and Rathinam Ammaiyar at Vaimaimedu in Thanjavur District, his school education was at Raasamadam School, where one of his teachers was Sami Chidambaranar, who wrote the biography of Periyar.

After completing higher secondary education at Urathanadu, he joined King's College at Thiruvaiyaru for a bachelor's degree and stood first in the entire State. Following this he acquired a BOL and master's degrees, gaining a reputation for proficiency in English and Tamil. With these qualifications in hand, he secured a job at the high school in Thiruvarur as a Tamil teacher, where he encouraged students to develop a passion for Tamil literature.

Ilakkuvanaar, Principal of a Tamil college established in Kulasekaranpattinam by one of the movement's leaders, Se. The. Nayagam Later, he moved to Tirunelveli to teach Tamil at the M.D.T. Hindu College and then in 1947 he headed the Department of Tamil literature at the newly begun V.H.N. Senthilkumara Nadar College in Virudhunagar.

Ilakkuvannar's teaching career was dotted with the names of several colleges, including one in Erode, T.T. Hindu College in Nagercoil and Thyagaraya College in Madurai. College managements viewed him as one who was prone to instigating students with his Tamil rhetoric, and his refusal to toe their line was one of the reasons why he moved from one college to another.

Once, while a foreign-returned speaker lauded the greatness of English stating it had letters such as G,B,H,S and F, and suggested that those who consider Tamil a great language must keep this in mind. Ilakkuvanaar, who was on stage, countered this Argument stating that Tamil had some unique letters, but this did not mean other languages were inferior, thereby scoring a victory for the Tamil language and culture.

Some of his notable works are Ammoovanar, Tolkappiya Araichi, Ezhilarasi, Maanavaratrupadai, Valluvar Kanda illaram and Pazhanthamizh. His translation of Tolkappiyam into English was the highlight of his literary carrer, incidentally, this was book C.N. Annadurai presented to the pope when he met him as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Ilakkuvanaar also wrote four books in English on Tamil and its special attributes. He was also known as Muthamizh Kavalar, Ilakkana Chemmal and Sethamizh Maamani.

Demise : 03.09.1973

Exemption in transfer for caregivers of dependants with specified disability

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Transfer of Government servants – Once in three years – Exemption to Government servants who are the caregiver of differently abled person – Orders – Issued.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS (S) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.107

Dated: 03.09.2020
சார்வரி, ஆவணி – 18,
திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2051.

Read:

1. G.O. (Ms.) No.10, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Per.S) Department, dated 07.01.1994.
2. Letter No.15210/94-1, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Per.S) Department, dated 29.06.1994.
3. Office Memorandum F.No.42011/3/2014-Estt. (Res)., Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India, dated 08.10.2018.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, the Government have laid down a transfer policy wherein detailed instructions were issued for making transfer of Government servants in Group A, B and C. In continuation of the above order, the Government have further directed in the reference second read above, that the Government Servants who are having mentally retarded or differently abled children can make a request for his transfer before the completion of 3 years period as mandated in the general transfer policy. The same factor shall also be considered as a valid reason for his retention in the same station up to 5 years.

2. The Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India in its Office Memorandum third read above, have issued instructions exempting a Government employee who is a caregiver of dependent daughter / son / parents / spouse / brother / sister with Specified Disability, as certified by the

(P.T.O)

certifying authority as a person with Benchmark Disability as defined under Section 2(r) of the rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 from the routine exercise of transfer / rotational transfer subject to the administrative constraints.

3. After careful consideration, the Government direct that a government employee who is a caregiver of dependent daughter / son / parents / spouse / brother / sister with Specified Disability, as certified by the certifying authority as a person with Benchmark Disability as defined under Section 2(r) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 may be exempted from the routine exercise of transfer, subject to the administrative constraints, during the transfer period namely between the 1st April and 31st May, every year. This exemption is however subject to the following condition:-

(i) A Government servant must be a caregiver of differently abled dependent such as daughter / son / parents / spouse / brother / sister.

(ii) A Government servant who is a caregiver of differently abled dependent should furnish a certificate, certified by certifying authority that the dependent in a Person with Benchmark Disability as defined under Section 2(r) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

4. The Government also directs to follow the instructions issued in the Government letter second read above while considering the Government Servants who are have mentally ill or differently abled children for transfer.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

S.SWARNA,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

News in Picture

Birth anniversary of Veeramamunivar

In connection with the birth anniversary of Tamil savant, Veeramamunivar, on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Thiru. D.Jayakumar, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries Thiru. P.Benjamin, Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture Thiru. K.Pandiarajan, Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu Textbooks and Educational Services Corporation Tmt. B.Valarmathi and Secretary for Tamil Development and Information Department Thiru. Mahesan Kasirajan I.A.S., paid floral tributes to the portrait of Veeramamunivar placed near his statue on the Marina on 08.11.2020.

Veeramamunivar, who was a native of Italy, came to India, learnt the Tamil language in a proper manner and authored many rare epics. He was a very great thinker and his aim was to make everyone know things clearly and easily.

In his days there were no dictionaries of the Tamil language as we have now. There were only Nigandus like Thivaakaram and Sudamani, which were metrical glosses of synonyms. The Nigandus were in poetic form. So, it was possible only for those who were well-versed in the Tamil language to study them. This was the situation when Veeramamunivar came to Tamil Nadu.

But, Veeramamunivar wished to create a dictionary like in foreign languages and to give words from 'அ' to 'ன'. In accordance with this plan, he developed a dictionary and named it 'Chathur Akaraathi'. This book was useful to all. For all Tamil dictionaries available today, Chathur Akaraathi is the first guide. Apart from giving meanings for Tamil words in Tamil, he also authored Tamil-Latin Dictionary, Portuguese-Tamil-Latin Dictionary. He thus created 3 dictionaries. He was not only responsible for such innovations in Tamil but also made it possible for people of other languages to learn Tamil easily. The yeoman services rendered by Veeramamunivar cannot be forgotten.

In addition to writing epic poems, Veeramamunivar also reformed the Tamil script. Earlier, short எ was written with a dot over it and the long vowel ஏ was written as எ.

Veeramamunivar removed the dot over short எ and introduced the elongation for the long ஏ. Similarly he was responsible for removing the dot over short vowel consonants like கொ and introducing the 'irattai kombo' for long vowel consonants like கோ. The script that we have today bears the stamp of the intelligence and efforts of Veeramamunivar.

Veeramamunivar also translated Thirukkural into Latin and Thevaram and Thiruppugazh into many European languages.

Veeramamunivar has rendered such remarkable services to the Tamil language.

People requested to adhere to COVID-19 prevention norms in festival season to prevent the surge of Corona virus

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami on 21.10.2020 *(English Translation)*.

A lockdown under the National Disaster Management Act is in operation in Tamil Nadu from 25.03.2020 under the guidance of the Central Government for preventing Corona virus infections. Hon'ble Amma's Government is taking focussed action to safeguard people from this virus infection and provide relief to them. This has controlled the virus infections in Tamil Nadu and has made the recovery rate after treatment the highest in the country. The mortality rate also is low.

Considering the coming festival season, the need to retrieve economy and the trend of the virus infection, all shops and commercial complexes including those dealing in vegetable and grocery articles, restaurants and tea stalls are permitted to function till 10 p.m. from 22.10.2020 all over Tamil Nadu except in the containment zones, with the condition of following the standard guideline procedures, published already by the Government.

To ensure the continuance of the present situation where the virus infection spread is declining due to the effective steps being taken by Hon'ble Amma's Government and the co-operation of the people and to prevent a surge of the virus during the coming festival season, I affectionately request the people to continue to follow the norms of avoiding congregation in public places, wearing face mask, observing social distancing at least by a minimum of six feet and frequent hand washing with soap. ■

AWARDS & HONORS

Applications invited for Anna gallantry medal

The 'Anna Medal' for gallantry is presented every year by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during the Republic Day celebrations. The award carries a cheque for Rs.1,00,000, a medal and a citation. Persons from Tamil Nadu who have performed gallant acts are eligible for this medal. The medals will be presented to 3 persons from the general public and to three Government servants. Age is no bar to receive the medal.

Applications for the selection of eligible persons for the medal to be presented in the year 2021 should be forwarded either through the District Collectors concerned or online – *https://awards.tn.gov.in/* - to the Principal Secretary, Public Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009 before 14.12.2020 with documents for the gallant acts and connected matters.

Applications not received by that date, will be rejected strictly. A selection committee, appointed by the Government will select the eligible persons and they will be presented with the medal and honoured by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 26.01.2021.

113th birth anniversary of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar

On behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, the 113th birth anniversary of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar was celebrated on 30.10.2020. In this connection, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Thiru. D.Jayakumar, Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. M.C.Sampath, Hon'ble Minister for Milk and Dairy Development Thiru. K.T.Rajenthrabhalaji, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries Thiru. P.Benjamin, Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Thiru. Sevvoor S.Ramachandran and Secretary for Tamil Development and Information Department Thiru. Mahesan Kasirajan I.A.S. paid floral tributes to the portrait of Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar placed near his statue at Nandanam, Chennai.

Pasumpom Muthuramalinga Thevar

Father	:	Ukkirapandia Thevar
Mother	:	Indhirani Ammaiyar
Date of Birth	:	30.10.1908
Family	:	Zamin family under the suzerainty of Ramanathapuram Sethupathi King
Training in youth	:	Silambam, wrestling, horse riding, fire-arms and Varmakalai
Entry into politics	:	After meeting Nethaji in Chennai with Srinivasa Iyengar in 1927
First public address	:	Opening of Vivekanandar reading room at Sayalkudi on 23.06.1933
First election contested before Independence	:	1937 Chennai Presidency Council election against Raja Sethupathi.
Freedom movement and social struggles	:	Agitation against the Criminal Tribes Act (2) Trade Union agitations (3) Zamindari Abolition agitation and (4) Temple Entry agitation for Harijans.
Political parties served	:	Indian National Congress till 1939; Forward Bloc after 1939
As people's representative in Independent India	:	Member of Legislative Assembly from Mudukulathur constituency in 1952; Member of Parliament from Srivilliputhur constituency in 1957 and Member of Parliament from Aruppukottai constituency in 1962.
Other services rendered	:	Editor of the magazine 'Nethaji' in 1949.
Number of days on earth	:	20,075
Days spent in prison	:	4,000
Date of death	:	30.10.1963.

Hon'ble Chief Minister puts official machinery on its toes to face impending North East Monsoon

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** chaired a review meeting on the action taken and the precautionary measures to be taken for the forthcoming North East monsoon, held at the Secretariat, Chennai on 12.10.2020 (English Translation).

With the onset of the North East monsoon expected to be in the third week of October, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami, presided over a review meeting at the Secretariat, Chennai on 12.10.2020, on the precautionary measures and steps to be taken by the Departments concerned.

Already, on the direction of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, a detailed review meeting, presided over by the Chief Secretary Thiru.K.Shanmugam I.A.S., was held on 18.09.2020 with high ranking officers of the Departments concerned, about the State's preparedness on facing the North East monsoon.

An order was issued for direct inspection of the preparatory works taken up at the District level by appointing monitoring officials in all Districts. Appropriate advice was also given to District Collectors on the precautionary measures to be taken.

4,133 areas have been identified as the most vulnerable to the North East monsoon and regional committees comprising various Departments have been set up. Also, kept ready are 43,409 first responders including 14,232 women, 8,871 first responders to protect livestock and 9,909 first responders to plant trees during periods not affected by disasters and clearing roads by cutting fallen trees and removing them during times of disaster.

Police constables numbering 5,505 and 691 home guards, trained by the Tamil Nadu Disaster Rescue Services, have been stationed in all the Districts. The Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department has also trained 4,699 Firemen and 9,859 Safety volunteers. Safety rehearsal exercises have been conducted in 3,094 Educational Institutions, 2,561 Factories and in public places where people gather.

To avert and reduce disaster damages, 11,482 percolation ponds have been created through construction of 6,016 check dams as flood prevention works. 7,299 bore wells and open wells have been converted into water recharging wells; rivers and irrigation canals to a length of 4,154 km have been dredged; 9,616 lakes and inlet canals have been de-silted; 7,989 encroachments have been removed from water bodies; 7.53 Crore cubic ft. of fertile soil have been removed from water bodies to benefit 6,70,864 farmers. These measures have helped in storing 2.55 tmc ft. of water additionally. Blockages in 11,387 bridges and 1,09,808 culverts have been cleared.

Multi-purpose safety centres numbering 121, have been kept ready in the State to protect people living in low-lying areas vulnerable to damages. Also Schools, Colleges, Marriage Halls and Community Halls are in.

Also kept ready in Districts are 3,915 machines to cut fallen trees, 2,897 JCB machines, 2,115 generators, 483 high-speed pumps and search and rescue appliances. The Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd., has been advised to function in co-ordination with the District Administration to resolve problems caused by natural disasters, particularly in supplying uninterrupted power in the affected areas. Further, instructions have been issued to keep more number of electric posts.

Steps have been taken to convey to people about disasters through the State Emergency Control Room (1070), District Emergency Control Room (1077), TN-SMART app, social media and electronic and print media.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has directed that the following steps be undertaken during the monsoon season:

- ✶ Steps are to be taken up in improving the efficiency of the staff of Departments

that engage in rescue and restoration works during the times of disaster.

- Mock Drills, conducted during disaster times, should be restricted to 50 persons so as to follow the social distancing norm for the prevention of Corona virus spread.
- All people should compulsorily wear face mask while going out and while accommodated in public places for preventing the Corona spread during the periods of disaster.
- Social distancing should be followed; congregation of people should be averted.
- Steps are to be undertaken to create awareness among people about the procedures to be followed during the times of disaster through pamphlets, documentaries and video recordings.
- Relief camps already identified, are to be inspected for their capacity to implement the social distancing norm and if need be, the number of camps should be increased.
- To remove immediately the fallen trees during the rainy season, the required manpower and machines to cut trees should be kept ready to remove immediately the fallen trees during the rainy season.
- Motor pump sets should be kept ready to pump out water from water stagnating places.
- Rescue teams with necessary appliances should be ready to reach the affected areas at short notice.
- As a precautionary step, there should be sufficient stock of bleaching powder to prevent diarrhea and the spread of infectious diseases during the North East monsoon season.
- Private and Government hospitals should have sufficient stock of medicine and be in a State of readiness. Generators set up in low-level areas in hospitals should be shifted to higher places.
- Steps should be taken to keep two months stock of essential commodities in fair price shops.
- Monitoring officers of IAS rank, appointed in all Districts and Greater Chennai Corporation, should continuously monitor the precautionary measures undertaken in the Districts/ areas concerned.
- To avert loss of lives and goods during the North East monsoon period, Secretaries of all Departments and heads of Departments should work in co-ordination.

Government ready in every way to safeguard people during monsoon

Speech of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** at the review meeting over the precautionary measures to be taken to face the North East monsoon, held at the Secretariat, Chennai on 12.10.2020 *(English Translation)*.

I greet you all,

The South West monsoon was very good in Tamil Nadu and the ground water table has risen, except in a few Districts. It has been calculated that except in the Districts of Villupuram and Kallakurichi, the monsoon was 24 per cent higher in other Districts. As the monsoon kept its date, farmers could raise their crops in time and get a good harvest; agriculture production has therefore been excellent.

Now, the North East Monsoon has set in. The Revenue Department officers have indicated how to face it and given details of areas usually vulnerable to storm and heavy rains during this monsoon every year and the many steps taken by the Government in the past to prevent damages and protect the people and farmers. They have also stated how the Government machinery functions.

The Government is in a state of readiness to take all precautionary measures through important Departments like Revenue, Local Administration, Highways, Public Works, Police, Electricity Board and Health to safeguard the people during the North East monsoon. Accommodation for affected persons has been kept ready as also the needed equipment to clear the roads of trees that fall on account of any storm. Steps have been taken to keep ready rescue boats and national and state disaster rescue teams. Steps have also been taken to keep ready stocks of essential commodities during such times. Through the Department of Health, medicines have been stocked and medical facilities to treat affected people have been arranged. The Greater Chennai Corporation has repaired storm water drains and flood prevention canals so that rain water drains off without stagnating.

Likewise, communication equipment has been supplied to fishermen as a precautionary measure when they venture into the sea. For their protection, advance information is given to them about storms. I wish to state that the Government is ready in all respects to face storms/heavy rains and rescue people during the North East monsoon. The high ranking officers who participated have expressed their views here. Government will take into consideration all the viewpoints and take appropriate action so that people are not affected in any way during the monsoon.

Tamil Nadu stands by Telangana hit by heavy rains; Rs. 10 Crore relief announced

Text of the D.O.letter dated 19.10.2020 of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** addressed to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana **Thiru. K.Chandrashekar Rao**.

"The heavy rains and unprecedented floods in the city of Hyderabad and in certain Districts of Telangana have caused extensive damage to property and have taken toll of lives.

Your efficient and quick handling of the disaster and the response of your Government in providing relief and rescue operations to the people has quickly mitigated the adverse effects of the flood.

At this difficult time, on behalf of the State Government and people of Tamil Nadu, I convey my heartfelt condolences to the family members of all those who have lost their lives in the rains and floods.

As a token of the support and solidarity of the Government and people of Tamil Nadu with the Government and people of Telangana in their hour of need, I have ordered the immediate contribution of a sum of Rs.10 Crore from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to the Government of Telangana. We are also sending blankets and mats as relief material to the affected families.

I also assure you that the Government of Tamil Nadu stands ready to render any other assistance as may be required by the Government of Telangana."

Hon'ble Telangana Chief Minister thanks Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, condoles mother's passing

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana **Thiru. K. Chandrashekar Rao** contacted the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami**, over telephone on 20.10.2020 and expressed his heartfelt thanks for the Tamil Nadu Government's decision to donate Rs. 10 Crore from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to Telangana, which has been heavily hit by rain and floods.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana also conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami on the demise of the latter's mother, Tmt.Thavusayammal.

Applications invited for 'Kabir Puraskar'

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presents the 'Kabir Puraskar' award for social and communal harmony every year during the Republic day celebrations. All Indian citizens residing in Tamil Nadu (except personnel of Reserve Police, Police, Fire and Rescue Services and Government servants, if their acts of social and communal harmony form a part of their Government service), are eligible to receive this award. This award is presented in appreciation of the physical and mental strength of persons who exhibit their valour in saving persons belonging to a caste, race or community other than their own or protecting the possessions of such persons during communal riots or acts of violence.

This award is presented at 3 levels, and consists of a cheque for Rs.20,000, Rs.10,000 and Rs.5,000 and a citation.

Applications for the selection of eligible persons for the award to be presented at the Republic Day in 2021 have to be forwarded through the District Collectors concerned or through online – *https://awards.tn.gov.in/* - to the Principal Secretary, Public Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009 with associated documents before 14.12.2020. Applications not received by that date, will be strictly rejected. The selection committee appointed by the Government for this task, will select the eligible persons and they will be presented the award on 26.01.2021 and honoured.

Birth: 28.11.1839

Born in November

The Sculptors of Classical Tamil

VANNASARABAM DHANDAPANI SWAMIGAL

A great savant of the 19th century, Vannasarabam Dhandapani Swamigal championed the cause of Tamil usage in temple worship. Like the great Vallalar, he also called for social and religious reforms and preached the gospel of religious amity in the numerous songs he wrote. He was born to Senninayagam Pillai and Pechi Muthammai in Nerkattum Seval in Tirunelveli District.

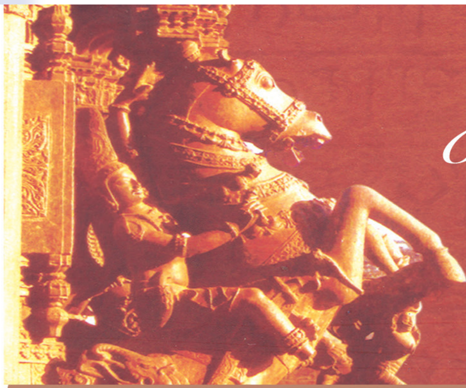
Demise : 05.07.1898

Resumption sought of EMU, Suburban trains in and around Chennai

Text of the D.O. letter dated 23.10.2020 of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** addressed to Hon'ble Union Minister for Railways and Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution **Thiru. Piyush Goyal.**

Southern Railway has resumed operation of a number of Inter-State and Intra-State trains in Tamil Nadu now. Similarly, the State Government has permitted public transport including Metro rail in Chennai in order to revive the economic activities. State Government has already made a request on 02.09.2020 to resume Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) and Suburban Trains in and around Chennai for general public.

Resumption of EMU / Suburban trains will greatly help the general public and facilitate in the quick revival of economy. Hence, I request you to give instructions to Southern Railway to resume Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) / Suburban Trains in and around Chennai, duly adopting Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Covid-19.



Born in November
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Birth: 22.11.1888

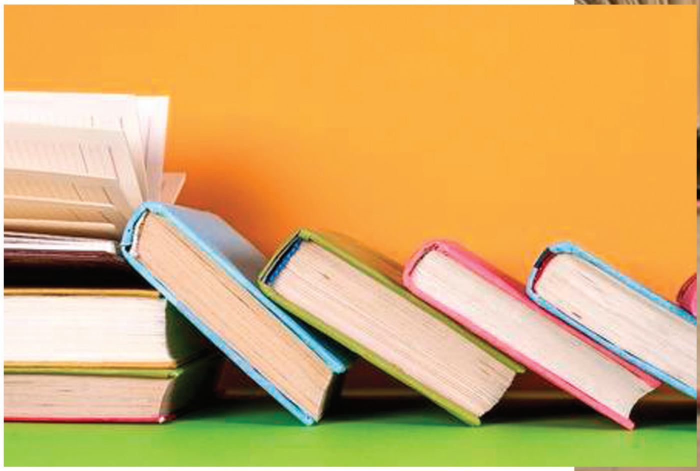
Ka.Su.Pillai

Ka. Subramania Pillai, fondly known as Ka.Su. Pillai, was a Native of Tirunelveli, he was born to Gandhimathinatha Pillai and Meenatchi Ammaiyar. He was an architect of Tamil literature who laid the foundation for research in the history of Tamil literature. Apart from being the first Tamil language historian, he was an expert in the fields of religion, philosophy and law and wrote nearly 50 books on these subjects.

Demise : 30.04.1945

November 23rd birth anniversary of 'Kavignar Suratha'

Books



If one likes to do something good
to the country through epic,
it is useless, as well as worthless
to produce works of ephemeral nature in plenty
like white ants during one's short period of life.

A writer during his life time should produce
a great work with fresh ideas.
It should be respected by the great people.
It is the only way to sustain glory for ever.

Oh! The ancient literary works.
They are the ships to go deep into the sea.
Oh! The didactic works.
They show us the right path.

-Source: Surada's Poetry

Villages

There is an abundance of unorthodox, earthly wisdom in our villages. There are hidden treasures of knowledge in our environment, in the oceans, bio-reserves and deserts, in the plant and animal life.

-A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

30th October - World Thrift Day

'Save money, invest in postal savings schemes'

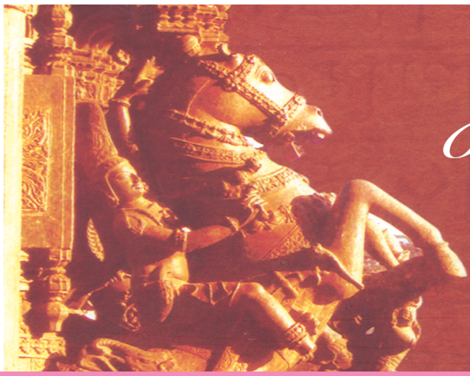
Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** on World Thrift Day *(English Translation)*.

Every year, October 30 is observed as World Thrift Day to impress upon people the importance of thrift and savings.

In accordance with the saying that thrift protects the home and saving safeguards the country, it is imperative for every person to save his hard-earned money so as to benefit the family and the Nation. People should lead a thrifty life, keeping in mind future needs and develop the habit of saving a part of their income. Parents should encourage the habit of savings in their children from an early age for a bright future.

As the saying goes "drops develop into a big flood", people's investment of their income in postal small savings schemes little by little, will grow manifold and protect their future.

On this World Thrift Day, I affectionately request all the people of Tamil Nadu to join the postal small savings schemes for their prosperity and benefit from them. ■



Birth: 12.11.1899

Born in November

The Sculptors of Classical Tamil

KEE.RAMALINGANAAR

Kee. Ramalinganaar was born to Rathinam and Bakkiyammal at Keezhacheri village in Thiruvallur District. The architect of Tamil as a language of governance, Keezhacheri Ramalinganaar was instrumental in cleansing officialese of Urdu and English terminology, replacing them with the Tamil equivalents commonly seen today. Revered as Aatchimozhi Kavalar by Intellectuals, he was a follower of The.Po. Mee and Thiru. Vi. Ka. The complier of several books, notably Aatchithurai Thamizh and Aatchimozhi Agarathi, he also authored a book on marriage customs called Thamizh Thirumana vazhipaattu Murai and solemnized several weddings himself.

Demise: 1986

High-level incentives for students who won medals in National School Games events

On behalf of the Department of Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami** presented at the Secretariat, Chennai on 28.10.2020, cheques to a total amount of Rs.54 Lakh to 14 students for winning medals in the 64th National School Games Athletics Championship events held for the year 2018-2019 and a cheque for Rs.15 Lakh to Selvi C.A. Bhavani Devi, medalist in fencing as high-level incentives and complimented them.

To help Tamil Nadu sportsmen and sportswomen participate and win national and international sports events, the Government of Tamil Nadu that treads the path of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma in its functioning, is taking focused steps like training, giving high-level incentives and financial assistance, creating sports hostels, conducting sports events in villages, developing sports grounds in Districts and encouraging traditional sports events.

The 64th National School Games competitions for the year 2018-2019 were held at three levels – for students of 14 years, 17 years and 19 years. Five hundred and seventy-two students – boys and girls – from Tamil Nadu participated in the events and brought fame to the State by winning

652 medals – 88 gold, 107 silver and 109 bronze in 28 games by 266 boys and 135 gold, 100 silver and 113 bronze by 306 girls in 29 games.

The Government of Tamil Nadu ordered the disbursal of Rs.9.79 Crore to the medalists as high-level incentives at the rate of Rs.2 Lakh, Rs.1.50 Lakh and Rs. 1 Lakh respectively for gold, silver and bronze medal winners.

Following are the 14 medalists who received the cheques from the Hon'ble Chief Minister: Squash Competitions - Thiru. S.Navaneeth Prabhu of Seventh Day Adventist Higher Secondary School, Chennai –Rs. 3.50 Lakh for winning a gold and a silver; Thiru. R.Kishore Aravind of the same school – Rs.2.50 Lakh for winning a silver and a bronze; Selvi R.Pooja Aarthy of the same school – Rs.4 Lakh for winning two gold medals; Selvi J.S. Krithika of the same school – Rs.3.50 Lakh for winning a gold and a silver; and Selvi S. Akshaya Sri of St.Rosary Matric Higher Secondary School, Chennai – Rs.4 Lakh for winning two gold medals;

Carrom Board Game – Thiru. K. Abu Hasan of Chennai Higher Secondary School, Chennai – Rs.3 Lakh for winning a gold and a bronze; Thiru. N. Mithun of St. Bede's Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School, Chennai – Rs.3 Lakh for winning a gold and a bronze;

Skating – Thiru. S. Kishore Venkatesh, SBOA Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Chennai – Rs.2.50 Lakh for winning a silver and a bronze; Selvi S. Meenalokshini of St. Michael Matric Higher Secondary School, Chennai – Rs.5 Lakh for winning a gold medal and two silver medals;

Swimming – Thiru. Alfred Rajan of St. Michael Matric Higher Secondary School, Chennai – Rs.2.50 Lakh for winning a silver and a bronze; Selvi B. Preethi of M.C.C. Higher Secondary School, Chennai – Rs. 6 Lakh for winning one gold medal, two silver medals and one bronze medal;

Athletics - Selvi P.M. Thapitha of Jai Gopal Garodia Government Higher Secondary School, Chennai - Rs. 7 Lakh for winning two gold and 2 silver medals; Selvi R. Giridharani of Vidyodaya Girls Higher Secondary School, Chennai – Rs. 3.50 Lakh for winning a gold and a silver medal;

Lawn Tennis – Selvi Bandaru Kundana Sri of Alagappa Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Chennai – Rs. 4 Lakh for winning two gold medals; totally Rs.54 Lakh for 14 students – 6 boys and 8 girls.

Further, the Hon'ble Chief Minister presented a cheque for Rs.15 Lakh as a high-level incentive to Selvi C.A. Bhavani Devi, fencing expert for winning a silver medal in the 22nd Flemish Open Fencing Championships event held at Ghent city in Belgium on 29.09.2019 (Rs.10 Lakh) and a bronze in the Women's World Cup Satellite Sabre Tournament held in Reykjavik city, Iceland country on 05.10.2019 (Rs. 5 Lakh). ■

Inauguration of second branch of high-end private hospital in Chennai

Hon'ble Chief Minister motivates Tamil Nadu doctors to surpass developed countries

Speech of the
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami,
after declaring open the new hospital of Fortis Health Care Limited at Vadapalani, Chennai on 26.10.2020 *(English Translation)*.

I pay my obeisance to Goddess Hon'ble Idaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

I am extremely happy to participate in the opening ceremony of the new hospital of Fortis Health Care Ltd., at Vadapalani, Chennai.

Those participating in this excellent function – Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr C. Vijayabaskar, Principal Secretary to Government Department of Health and Family Welfare Dr.J.Radhakrishnan, Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer of Fortis Health Care Dr.Ashutosh Raghuvanshi, Group Chief Operating Officer of Fortis Health Care Thiru. Anil Vinayak, Chennai Zonal Director of Fortis Health Care Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Hon'ble Member of the Legislative Assembly, Medical

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Experts, Doctors, Nursing fraternity, Elders, Ladies and Print and other media friends – at the outset, I extend my grateful respects to all of you.

"Noainhaati Noaimudhal Naati Adhudhanikkum Vaainhaati Vaaippach Cheyal"

It was Deiva Pulavar Thiruvalluvar who defined how the medical service should be rendered. According to him, the best treatment should take into account, after diagnosis, the cause of an ailment, the ways of cure and their proper application to the patient.

Fortis Health Care deserves appreciation for offering quality medical service through its hospitals at many places across India. Already a hospital of this establishment is functioning at Adyar in Chennai. That it is starting a new hospital with all modern facilities at Vadapalani, I particularly wish to mention, strengthens the common perception that 'Tamil Nadu is the medical capital of India'.

Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma once said: "Rather than thinking whether the people are with us, I always think whether we are with the people. I always think about all the ways I can do good to the people who trust me. That is why, you, the people are always on my side".

Hon'ble Amma's Government which functions on the path of Idaya Deivam Amma, also continues to create very excellent infrastructure facilities so as to make available high-level medical service to all people. This has made Tamil Nadu a model state in India in the medical field.

In accordance with the doctrine ' a healthy state is a prosperous state' and with the great ideal that high-end medical facilities should be made available to the poor and downtrodden, the Government of Tamil Nadu, on the path of Hon'ble Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, is implementing many pioneering schemes like creating quality medical facilities near the residential areas of people and providing high-level medical facilities by utilizing the growth of technology. I wish to mention a few of them here.

✶ Hon'ble Amma's Government is implementing many pioneering schemes like Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance scheme, Menstrual Hygiene programme, Birth Companion Programme, Amma Baby Care Kit scheme, Amma Arogya Thittam, Amma Magaperu Sanjeevi Scheme, Amma Whole Body Health Check-up and Amma Women Special Check-up, Mobile Medical Unit, Prevention, Control and Treatment scheme like Amma dispensary scheme, extending infrastructure facilities in high-end hospitals, '108' ambulance service, blood bank and setting up of super specialty hospitals with Trauma Centres.

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- CEmONC (comprehensive emergency obstetric and new-born care) centres in 11 Government medical college hospitals have been strengthened.
- Institutes of obstetrics and gynaecology have been upgraded as Centres of Excellence.
- Under the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme, an assistance of Rs.18,000 is given to eligible pregnant women for two pregnancies. The success of the scheme is borne out by the fact that only in Tamil Nadu 99.9 per cent of child births take place in hospitals, the highest in the whole country.
- It is a historic achievement that the infant mortality rate has come down from 16 to 15 last year and as for maternal mortality rate during child birth, the sustainable target to be achieved in the year 2030 has been achieved even now.
- During Hon'ble Amma's rule, 254 new Primary Health Centres (PHC) have been set up. 166 PHCs have been upgraded with 30-bed strength and Scan facility.
- In continuation of this, digital ophthalmic testing centres have been set up in 32 PHCs at the rate of one for each District.
- In the last 3 years, 56 CT Scan, 22 MRI scan, 18 numbers of Cath Lab and 530 numbers of dialysis equipment have been supplied to Government hospitals.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu is installing Linear Accelerator, the high-end technological equipment for giving excellent treatment for cancer, in 10 Government hospitals at a cost of Rs.190 Crore.
- Work on upgrading the Cancer Institute at Adyar, Chennai into a Centre of Excellence at a cost of Rs.120 Crore, is nearing completion.
- Four Cancer Zones have been created at a cost of Rs.59 Crore.
- Work on setting up a centre of excellence in the Government Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital, Karapettai, Kancheepuram at an estimate of Rs.120 Crore has started.
- Tamil Nadu has been continuously receiving the 'Best State' award in organ transplant surgery at the national level for the last 5 years. The 'Best Hospital' award for organ donation has been given to the General Hospital, Chennai.
- Under the National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS) Programme, 26 Government hospitals and 47 PHCs have been selected for best performance and given appreciation certificates and cash prize by the Central Government.
- Tamil Nadu shines today as a model state in the entire country in being the Medical Capital of India not only by offering high-end medical services but also in providing the very best human resources and infrastructure.
- Along with the Government hospitals, private hospitals too function

excellently in offering quality medical services. To get quality treatment at modest rates, people from other States and Countries are coming today to Tamil Nadu in large numbers. This has made Tamil Nadu the medical tourism centre of India.

It is Hon'ble Amma's Policy that Government medical colleges should be started gradually in Districts not having one.

In 2010-2011, the number of undergraduate medical seats in Tamil Nadu was 1,945; today it has risen to 3,400. Further, Hon'ble Amma's Government got the approval of the Central Government to set up at a short time, new medical colleges in the 11 Districts of Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar, Dindigul, the Nilgiris, Ariyalur, Nagapattinam, Kallakurichi, Thiruvallur, Thiruppur, Namakkal and Krishnagiri for realizing the dream of rural and economically backward students of Tamil Nadu to become doctors. Foundation stones have been laid for the new medical colleges and construction works are being carried out. It is Hon'ble Amma's Government that has taken, through this, steps to create 1,650 more medical seats in the coming years.

I am happy to inform you that Hon'ble Amma's Government has passed a Bill in the Legislature for a 7.5 per cent sub-quota in medical education for Government school students so that they can realize their dream of becoming doctors.

Tamil Nadu shines today as a model State in India not only in offering high-class health services but in creating the best human resources and medical infrastructure.

Medical practice is a fine art. It is not commerce. It is a sublime service in which the heart and brain work in unison. Keeping this as the basic principle, I affectionately request this establishment through this event, to interact lovingly with all sections of people who come to your hospital and provide them high-class medical service.

Just as God removes, without showing any discrimination, the difficulties of people who seek him, doctors too should provide quality medical service without observing any distinction among the patients who come to them. This is my affectionate request.

I understand your establishment is engaged in heart transplant treatment in a big way. Our doctors are highly efficient. They are born to achieve. I affectionately request you through this event to use your skills well to set up records in the medical field so as to surpass the developed countries through the performance of life-saving treatment procedures.

It is a matter of pride for all of us recently that our doctors have controlled the Corona virus infection spread in a shorter time than the so called developed countries in the medical field and thus saved our people.

The index to gauge a state's total health services is the type of medical treatment that is made available to the poorest patient. Hence, Hon'ble Amma's Government is successfully using the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme for the provision of appropriate treatment to the poor and marginalized people as and when they need high-class treatment and have to go to private hospitals. The patient's smile when you discharge this responsibility will fill your heart with satisfaction. This is what Perarignar Anna meant when he stated " I see God in the smile of the poor".

I affectionately make the request that the Fortis Vadapalani Hospital inaugurated on 26.10.2020, should render the best quality medical service to people. I once again extend my good wishes to the Doctors, Nurses, Health Staff and other staff working here.

My good wishes to all the good hearts who have arranged this event in a good way.

Nandri! Vanakkam! ■

Hon'ble Chief Minister writes to Odisha CM and Rajasthan CM requesting reconsideration of cracker ban

Text of the D.O. letters dated 05.11.2020 of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, addressed to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha **Thiru. Naveen Patnaik** and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan **Thiru. Ashok Gehlot**.

As you are aware, Diwali festival is celebrated across the country by the public by bursting crackers, as part of their cultural ethos.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in its judgment dated 23.10.2018 in W.P.(C) No.728 of 2018, considering the direct and indirect employment involved in the manufacturing of crackers, as well as to safeguard the traditional/ cultural way of celebrating the Diwali festival, directed all the States "to encourage bursting of crackers in public places for a limited period of Two hours on the day of Diwali".

I would like to inform you that in Tamil Nadu, in tune with the Hon'ble Supreme Court directions, we have restricted the bursting of green crackers to One hour in the morning and One hour in the evening.

Tamil Nadu is a major cracker manufacturing State using raw materials with reduced emission level and low decibel. Tamil Nadu contributes to about 90% of total manufacture of crackers in the country, providing direct employment to around Four Lakh people and indirect employment to Four Lakh people. Their livelihood solely depends on the sale of crackers during Diwali season. The ban on bursting crackers in your State can have a direct bearing on the livelihood of over Eight Lakh workers in the State of Tamil Nadu and another equal number of people engaged in its sale.

It is understood that your Government has recently banned the sale and bursting of the crackers in your State for the ensuing Diwali season, considering the pandemic COVID-19 situation. I would like to bring to your kind notice that Tamil Nadu State produces mainly green crackers and therefore the question of environmental pollution does not arise. There is no empirical or validated data to demonstrate that the bursting of crackers has effect on COVID-19 patients.

I, therefore, request you to reconsider your Government's decision to ban the sale and bursting of crackers in your State for this Diwali season.

My advance Diwali wishes to you and your family.

Hon'ble Chief Minister presides over Guidance bureau meeting; 26 industrial projects okayed

Under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami**, the State Government is taking up several measures time and again to encourage investments. The third meeting of the high-level committee of the Industrial Guidance and Export Promotion Bureau was held at the Secretariat, Chennai on 21.10.2020 with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu presiding.

Approval for 34 industrial projects has been given in two meetings of the high-level committee held under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu so far. Through these approvals, industrial investments to the extent of Rs.15,000 Crore have been attracted to Tamil Nadu and job opportunities to 23,000 persons have been ensured. To further improve Ease of Doing Business in Tamil Nadu, the high-level committee gave approval for a Direct CTO (consent to operate) scheme for Green category industries and for a policy reform to sanction Deemed Approval status to industries in non-scheme areas, under the Ease of Doing Business rules by including the re-classification of land in the single window facilitation mechanism.

In the third meeting, held in continuation of this on 21.10.2020, 26 industrial projects that were pending at various levels were taken up for discussion and accorded approval. This will bring into operation investments to the extent of Rs.25,213, Crore ensuring creation of employment opportunities to about 49,003 persons quickly.

Important among the projects approved on 21.10.2020 are: garments and cloth production of the ENES Textile Mills (Ramraj); motor vehicle spare parts production of the MOBIS India Ltd.; electronic goods production of the Seoyon E-HWA Automotive India (P) Ltd.; motor vehicle spare parts production of the Kyungshin Industrial Motherson (P) Ltd.; vehicle tyre production of the MRF Ltd.; motor vehicle spare parts production of Wheels India Ltd.; electric vehicles production of the Ather Energy Pvt. Ltd.; industrial park project of the Integrated Chennai business Park (DP World) company.

These projects will be implemented in the Districts of Chennai, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram,Thiruvallur, Ranipet,Thiruppur, Namakkal, Coimbatore, Perambalur and Krishnagiri.

The meet also reviewed the industrial sanctions granted through the single-window facilitation, pending matters in projects with huge investments, the status of applications received through the 'Thozhil Thozhan website' and matters connected with the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

Birth: 10.11.1916

A. SA. GNANASAMBANDHAN

Arasangudi Saravana Gnanasambandhan, widely revered as A. Sa. Gna, was one of the greatest Tamil scholars of the 20th century, he won the Sahitya Akademi award for his contributions and left behind an enormous corpus of literature spanning various domains-35 research works, 3 translations and numerous literary essays and discourses.

Born to A. Mu. Saravana Mudaliar and Sivakami of Arasangudi, a town near Tiruchi Kallanai, A. Sa. Gna grew up on a diet of Tamil literature from an early age as Tamil scholars from far and wide congregated at his house to consult his father, who was a renowned scholar widely known as Perunchol Vilakkanar.

After completing school education at Lalgudi in 1935, he enrolled for intermediate education at Annamalai University and later signed up for a graduation program, where his chosen subject was physics. In those days, Navalar Somasundara Bharthi taught at the university and he was greatly impressed by A .Sa. Gna's grasp of Tamil grammatical nuances, literay knowledge and command over the language.

He was aghast that such a fine mind was studying physics instead of pursing a degree in Tamil literature, but A. Sa.Gna

was apprehensive of what his father would think of such an idea. Bharathi then went to Arasangudi and met his father in person, and convinced him to let his son pursue Tamil though he was midway through a degree in physics!

In a similar fashion, A. Sa. Gna's command over English and love for the language was honed by his mentor, the silver-tongued Sreenivasa Sastri. This would hold him in good stead in later years when he embarked on his translations.

Having mastered Kambaramayanam, Periyapuranam and Thiruvasakam during his college days, A.Sa.Gna. then acquired a master's degree and went on to teach Tamil at Pachaiyappa's College for 16 years.

For some time he also worked as play co-ordinator at All India Radio, spent three years with the Department of Information and Publicity and also served as Deputy Director of the Tamil Department at Madurai Kamaraj University.

A. Sa. Gna won the Sahitya Akademi award in 1985 for Kamban Puthiya Parvai, while Ilakkiya Kalai won the Tamil Nadu State Government award and his work on Periyapuranam won a prize in 1987. His Prize winning efforts continued to his final days, with a Kural Peeda Virudhu coming his way in the year 2000.

His dedication to Tamil and literature was such that even a few days before his demise he kept himself busy with writing and reading.

Demise : 27.08.2002

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Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K. Palaniswami** garlanded the statues of Maruthupandiyars and paid floral tributes at Theppakulam, Madurai on 30.10.2020.

Tamilarasu

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. Edappadi K.Palaniswami** paid floral tributes to the statue of Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Thevar by placing a wreath and showering flower petals, to mark his 113th birth anniversary and 58th Guru Pooja at Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Thevar Memorial in Pasumpon, Ramanathapuram District on 30.10.2020.

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